DAILY GAZETTE.

SOUTH IMPROVEMENT CO.

A Fair and Impartial History of It, Together with a Truthful Recital of its Views and Purposes from the Outset.

Now that reason has commenced to dawn upon the petroleum producers who have so long been up in arms against the South Improvement Company, we feel that it is but due the gentlemen composing that Association to lay before our readers a fair and candid history of the organization and an explanation of its real purposes from the outset. In the madness of the hour the producers refused to listen to any or all reason on the subject, but with blind haste declared war to the knife on not only the members of the company, but on all who even sympathized with it or attempted to mediate between the two great interests in order to bring about a reconciliation. It is hoped that a sufficient change of opinion has by this time been wrought in the oil producing regions to at least secure a perusal and consideration of the following only true history of the Improvement Company and its ends and aims that has yet been published.

The subjoined history was contained in a communication sent by telegraph to New York, copies of which were furnished to Gen. Dix, Gen. M'Clellan and Commodore Vanderbilt. It reads:

Presuming that you desire a statement of the objects which were proposed to be attained by the organization known as the "South Improvement Company," which name is a misnomer, as we talked of calling it the "American Co-operative Refining Company."

We shall endeavor as briefly as possible to present for your consideration.

When we first took this matter up, it was for the purpose of devising some remedy for the evils under which the refining interests of this country have been laboring for the past three years, which evils have been growing worse and worse.

It has been claimed that some of these evils were attributable to location, yet several new refineries have been built during the past two years, both in the Oil regions and at Philadelphia; believing that these localities would prove more profitable, but the results have been far from satisfactory. There is also a growing evil to the refining interests of this country, in the exportation of crude oil, which is largely increasing. Foreign Governments are protecting the manufacturing interests of their respective countries by imposing light duties on crude petroleum, and heavy duties on refined oil, and benzine, that are only limited from being prohibitory by their importation, by the capacity to manufacture in foreign countries; and as they can extend and build up refineries in Europe will become entirely prohibitory.

Speculation, too, has become a great evil, and from the course which it has taken during the past three years, the average price for each year has become less and less, causing great loss to our country on all the oil exported.

The competition made by selling in the East has been instrumental in cutting down freight to such an extent that railway interests connected with this business have suffered greatly, carrying oil, as they have been doing, for less than cost.

While the producers have not felt this as much as the refining and transportation interests, yet it would only be a matter of time until they would sympathize with the depression. If the refining interests of this country be destroyed, then the producers would be left to the foreign refiners, who, having no interest in the prosperity of our country, would leave as little money in it as they could.

It is also true that should the refining interest be driven from our country, or should it not prosper, a large amount of capital invested in refineries, barrel factories, chemical works and other industries would be destroyed, and cause great loss to American interests and labor.

We also found the refining capacity of the country more than twice as good as the production of the crude requires, so that a large proportion of our means was lying idle, the interest on such consuming the capital invested.

Feeling and believing that this condition of affairs has been gradually eating up the life and means of the refining interests, some of those most heavily engaged in the business met to consult as to what could be done to prevent the foreseen results at such a course, and to bring prosperity to all our interests.

We propose to carry out designs and intentions somewhat as follows: We were satisfied that, for the general good of all, our refineries should be united, having about 35,000 barrels daily capacity, when only 16,000 to 17,000 were required, the mass of refineries in their struggle to live, prevented even these most favorably located from making any profit from legitimate manufacturing.

We, therefore determined that our efforts should first be, to unite all these refineries in a general stock company, in which each would have the full benefit according to the value of the property put in, and none, even the most unfavorably located, say that they had been left out and that their property was destroyed by our action.

We suppose there are over eighty (80) refining establishments at the main refining centres. Over fifty (50) of the largest of these are in Pittsburgh and Cleveland. Their manufactured goods amount annually to over $50,000,000, which, taking the fearful risks connected with the business, should pay 12½ or 15 per cent. on this amount, and this would have to be divided among five or six hundred stockholders, who now own the individual refineries that we proposed to unite.

We also believe that the railroad, or no other power, would be justified in giving rates that would build up a few and crush out the mass of manufacturing establishments that had been built upon their lines of road, under their assurances of protection.

The great question of the railroads was to secure paying rates of freight, and they believed this might be done by inviting all the refiners, and cause no injury to any who might be located on their lines of railroad.

In making our arrangements with the railroads, it was understood that the "South Improvement Company" would give an opportunity to all the refineries to come in on equal terms, and that the producing interest should be fully protected about somewhat as follows: We were to have a manufacturing profit of 50 cents per barrel when crude was down to and below $4.00 per barrel, and $1.00 per barrel when it was up to and above $5.00 per barrel. Good reasons why drawbacks and rebates should be given were:

1st. That the refining interest of this country might be protected from the exportation of crude oil, and secure a fair remuneration for their capital and labor by stopping speculation.

2nd. That the producer should recover the full value of his product, and that our country should be benefitted to the extent of an additional eight or ten millions of dollars annual income from Europe. To regulate the matter of the producers getting fair prices for their oil, it was as important that the rebates should be given, as to secure a manufacturing profit to the refiners and fair rates to the railroads. We could adjust a scale or schedule of prices something similar to this:

Cost of crude at the well $4 per bbl, (add loss in distillation.)

Cost of pipeage to railroad.

Cost of freight to New York from all points.

Cost of manufacturing, including cost of chemicals, coal, new barrels, &c., &c., also, insurance and charges at the seaboard.

Profit allowed for manufacturing 50 cents per barrel, should bring 25½ to 26 cents per gallon in New York, and as the price advanced in New York, then the price at the wells should advance *pro rata*, except by the time it reached $5.00, the refiner should be receiving one dollar per barrel profit for manufacturing. An arrangement of this kind would make the Refiners always anxious to get good prices for refined oil exported, so that they could realize the one dollar per barrel, and thus the producer would get good prices for his crude.

The idea was, that the Producers' Association would appoint a committee to adjust and fix some plan of action that would cover the points mentioned, and that this committee would from time to time jointly with our committee meet all the points and difficulties that might arise. We believed that by this course of action all the producers, those who had but one barrel, and those who had one hundred barrel wells would be equally protected, they having only to agree that they would not sell below the schedule rates, and that in case of over production, they would take steps to reduce it as quickly as possible, we agreeing on our part if they took these steps, to assist them to carry the surplus production by advancing the producers, say three dollars per barrel to any extent required on oil placed in tron tanks, well insured and under our joint charge.

We believe that the prices of crude and refined should vary during the different periods of the year, so the exporters who carry the stocks accumulated during the spring and summer months (non-consuming months) should realize a profit on their investments, and encourage them in buying and carrying oil during the summer months until the business for fall sets in.

We also believe the rates of freight should be so adjusted that the producers at all points should receive the same price for their oil at the wells, so that it might be refined as favorably at each refining centre.

With our rebates for protection, none could break the price of refining without great loss, unless the producer sold his crude at from 50 to $1.00 per barrel below the price we were paying him, and this he would not be likely to do as long as he could get an advance of three dollars per barrel on it.

We would ask your careful consideration to the fact that our capital stock was limited to the exact value of the refineries and cash put in, so that each refiner should have his full *pro rata* share of the profits of the enterprise according to the value of his property.

Before we had our organization and railroad contracts completed, the people in the oil regions had commenced to call meetings, and would not listen to any request we made to appoint a committee to meet us, and the public speakers fired the minds to such a state that it was useless to stem the torrent as long as we held the railroad contracts in our hands, so that after the meeting on the 25th of March, we determined to cancel them.

We believe yet that some such course as we proposed to adopt will be found necessary to save our refining interests from great loss and destruction, and to save our country millions of dollars.

We have been asked by some of the bitterest enemies to the movement, why did you propose to take in all the refiners, there are many of them useless? Our answer to this has already been given, in part, as we have shown this could not be done, and be just to all.

We would also mention the true cause of the present financial trouble and difficulties in the Oil Region—*over production*. The stock has accumulated in Europe and in this country, until the demand is very light and limited; also the consumption has ceased to a large extent. There are very few orders in from Europe; even at the miserable low figures oil is offered at. European merchants have ceased to believe that we would ever unite so as to secure legitimate results for our product, and so the stock has accumulated in the Oil Regions for the past sixty days in large quantities. This, with the already large stock held in January, has caused the producers great distress, and everything to the stopping of the boring of a well has been blamed on the "South Improvement Company," while all this time the South Improvement Company has never done one particle of business, or gone into existence; and the fact is, that in Philadelphia those interested in the "South Improvement Company" are carrying from 75,000 to 80,000 barrels of oil, a larger stock than has been in the East since 1868, and they did this to try and assist the market to be sustained.

We would also state, that the members of the "South Improvement Company" were from the first distinctly and positively pledged that the Company should not speculate, but it was agreed that the operations of the Company should be strictly legitimate; that they should buy the crude, manufacture it and sell the refined as spot oil, or to supply cargoes.

We would state that those were represented the stock of the "South Improvement Company" only did so until the refineries could be appraised and the stock increased and distributed among the various owners of the property, but these persons who represented the stock are connected as part owners in the largest refining interests in this country, and that two-thirds of the entire refining capacity had been pledged to this enterprize. We would also say that these parties have, we believe, during the last two years sold and handled over 3,000,000 barrels of the oil that was exported, and that they and the refiners connected with them have shipped and handled over three-fourths of the oil passing over the various railroads.

In answer to the assertion that we intended to make $6,000,000 off the consumers or public more than we had a right to make, we would say, there is not a manufacturer of any class of goods that does not ask a profit of from 10 to 15 per cent., and considering the great risks of fire and explosions in our business, we certainly should be as well paid as any other manufacturing business, and this was all we asked. Our refined oil should be on an average worth 22 to 28 cents per gallon, which would be $12 to $13 per barrel.

We find by the U. S. Government reports that from July 1st, 1870, to July 1st, 1871, there was exported (the refined being thrown into the crude) 4,653,088 bbls., which should be worth when manufactured about.....$45,000,000

Used for home consumption 987,890 bbls., which in refined would be worth.....8,500,000

In all worth about.....$53,500,000

This would show that 85.100 of the profit would be realized from the foreign consumer and would be brought into this country, to be spread among the 500 or 600 stockholders in the different cities and in the Oil Regions.

We also claim that should our action have raised the price of refined oil in this country from two and one-half to three cents per gallon, the consumers would have realized more than that benefit out of the character and quality of the oil furnished them. Now, on account of the very low price at which oil is furnished in this country, the large first-class manufacturers cannot compete, as they will not sell and scatter over the country the light benzine oil that is gaining such loss of life and property, and it is only such truck that can be sold at such prices. Could the consumer get a good oil of 110 degrees of fire test and upwards, it would be cheaper to them at 30 cents per gallon, than the benzine oil that is now spread over the country at 25 cents, or even 20 cents. A large number of consumers now pay from 40 to 50 cents per gallon for what is called high test oil, being afraid to trust the common oil, sold over the country, and we believe could the consumers get a good reliable oil at 28 or 30 cents per gallon it would be cheaper on the average than is paid now.

We would sum up the advantages to be gained by our Company as follows:

1st. To save a large number of refiners from immense loss, and in some cases utter ruin, and to pay them a fair manufacturer's profit.

2d. To give the producer a good price for his crude.—equal at all points.

3d. To pay the railroads a fair freight.

4th. To furnish a good, reliable, safe oil for our home consumers.

5th. To bring into this country from six million to eight millions dollars additional money per annum from Europe.

We also sent the following letter to J. Edgar Thompson, Esq., President Penn'a. R. R.:

PHILADELPHIA, March 18, 1872.

J. Edgar Thompson, Pres't. Penn'a. Railroad Co.:

DEAR SIR:—We bear a great many rumors in regard to the proposed *monopoly* of the "South Improvement Company" and that such misrepresentations have been made to you as seriously affects its interests.

We therefore request your attention to the following facts:

That the "South Improvement Company" have several times offered to meet committees of the producers to adjust and fix some way by which co-operation could be had.

That they offer to *all refiners*, and are ready to take them in on just as favorable terms and conditions as any now in the company.

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Four O'Clock.

HARRISBURG.

The Convention To-morrow!

CLANS GATHERING!

Speculations!

WHO WILL SUCCEED?

(Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

HARRISBURG, April 8, 1872.

Now the political pot commences to boil and bubble, and excitement and speculation run high. Every train arriving from the east and west brings delegates who represent all shades of opinion as to the relative candidates for the gubernatorial nomination. It is difficult at first blush to discover the true situation, as the various claims are so thoroughly confident of success in the Convention, at least they appear so to be, that the uninitiated are lost to discover exactly how the land lays. The Hartranft men are quite sanguine of success. They rely very much on a caucus meeting, in which they hope to secure enough men willing to abide any decision the caucus may make and, then to go into the Convention with their favorite as the nemine. Whether the game will work or not remains to be seen, but I think it will be extremely difficult to get a majority induced to go into a caucus, as the delegates are already wavering in their opinions as to who should be nominated. I have conversed with many who came here Hartranft men, but who are growing lukewarm, fearful that with him the party cannot succeed. It is given out, on pretty good authority, that Simon Cameron does not want him nominated, preferring that some new man, free from political entanglements and above suspicion from any direction, should be put in nomination. Of one fact there can be no ground for doubt, and that is that Hartranft has the majority of delegates, but whether he can hold them together is a question yet to be decided. Knowing politicians say that if he does not get the nomination on the first ballot he must take a back seat, when a new man will be sprung upon the Convention.

Errett and Mackey are both here, and are counting noses with much industry. They are confident that Hartranft is safe for the first ballot. It caused considerable surprise all around to-day in political circles, when the announcement was made that nearly one-half of the Allegheny county delegation, which was presumed to be solid for Hartranft, will oppose him even as heartily as those who are instructed against him. The shrewd are the greater because it was largely advertised here, in Philadelphia and elsewhere, that old Allegheny was solid for Hartranft. A desperate effort will be made to whip the recalcitrant members of your delegation into the support of Hartranft, but whether it will be a successful one or not, perhaps you and your readers can judge better than I can foreshadow. Kemble, Forney, McMichael and many other prominent Republicans of Philadelphia are opposed to Hartranft, and will endeavor to win the majority of his delegates from that city from him, although his friends are confident that they will stick fast and true.

Hon. James L. Graham, of your county, will go into the Convention with several delegates, and your correspondent this evening heard one of the most prominent politicians of the State say that Graham would prove the strongest man to put in the field, and he believed he would be the nominee. The Cameron Ring, as it is called, were never so divided in a contest as they are in this one. Men who heretofore worked together are divided, and no doubt will fight each other bitterly before the close of the contest.

The Auditor Generalship appears to be a secondary consideration, and no doubt the lucky one will be made by forming a combination either for or against Hartranft, as for more to-night that Jordan has agreed to withdraw, or give his delegates to any man that can whip Hartranft. Governor Geary is very bitter against Hartranft, which is the best sign I have seen yet in his favor, for a more "played out" man than Geary can't be found in the State. To-morrow will tell more certainly the result, and it is all guess work till then, as a few hours may change things mightily.

The nomination for the Supreme bench attracts little or no attention. It is impossible to tell who will succeed, as many first class lawyers are mentioned in connection with the office. As no special contest is made for that position on the ticket, it is quite certain that no other than a good and worthy citizen will be awarded it. It will be an honor awarded the East or middle section of the State, as the West does not claim it, having Williams and Agnew on the Supreme bench.

Later—An effort is being made to have Hartranft withdraw. It is barely probable that it will succeed, as his strongest friends urge him to adopt such a course, in order to preserve harmony in the party. If he pulls off, it is likely that White or Graham will make the landing.

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FOREIGN.

Earthquake in Syria—Terrible Loss of Life—The Alabama Claims Question—U. S. Consul Arrested in the West Indies—Spanish Reinforcements for Cuba.

WEST INDIES.

U. S. CONSUL ARRESTED.

PORT AU PRINCE, March 29, *via* HAVANA, April 8.—A disagreement has broken out between the local authorities at Saint Marc and the United States Consul at that port. A Haytien General, while being led to prison, took refuge in the house of the Consul. The Consul protected the General for a time, but was arrested by the authorities. The Consul was subsequently released. The matter will be settled by higher authorities.

ARSENAL SEIZED.

Three hundred men from Monti Cristi landed in a schooner at Cape Haytien and seized the arsenal, holding it one night and a day. They were finally driven out. Those who escaped took to the woods.

ARRIVAL OF SPANISH REINFORCEMENTS.

HAVANA, April 8.—Advices from Santiago De Cuba to the 3rd inst. have been received. A steamer had landed 1,000 reinforcements for the Spanish army in Cuba.

GREAT BRITAIN.

MARINE NEWS.

LONDON, April 8.—The steamers India, Thuringia and Minnesota have arrived out.

THE ALABAMA CLAIMS.

The *Post* says: "A rumor prevailed last night that an important telegram had been received at the Foreign office from the Government of the United States. This dispatch, it was reported, indicated that there was a prospect that the differences between England and America, growing out of the claim for consequential damages, would be settled in a manner satisfactory to both nations."

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THE CAPITAL.

Navy Department Investigation Continued—Correspondence on the Subject—Supreme Court Decision.

WASHINGTON, April 8, 1871.

NAVY DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION.

The Senate Arms Committee met this morning at half-past ten o'clock. Daniel Shea, who was examined by Mr. Schurz, testified that he owned a number of lighters in New York, and during the Franco-Prussian war lightered goods for the New York Ordnance Office, receiving his orders from Hall, and all receipts for goods he delivered from Reilly. Sometimes delivered goods direct to vessels and sometimes at docks.

(By Senator Hamlin)—Witness had no official connection with the Ordnance Office, which employed him as it would other parties.

The Chairman (Hamlin) laid before the committee a letter from Gen. Schofield, saying that his recollection of the law of 1868 providing for the sale of arms, &c., substantially agreed with the testimony of Gen. Dyer. The Chairman also laid before the committee the following letter addressed to him by Secretary Fish:

"Department of State, Washington, April 5th, 1872.—Sir:—Referring to your letter of the 18th ult. upon the subject of a resolution alleged to have been adopted by a committee of the French National Assembly on war contracts, inquiring into the conduct of the United States officials concerning therein, and to my reply of the 20th ult, I now have the honor to enclose, for the information of the committee of which you are chairman, a translation of the note of the 30th ult., upon the subject from the Charge D'Affaires of France. Your obedient servant, Hamilton Fish.

(Translation.)

"Legation of France to the United States, Washington, March 30."—Mr. Secretary of State—The Commission appointed by the National Assembly of France to investigate the matter of the purchases made during the war has been surprised by a telegram published by the New York Associated Press, which attributes to it the adoption of a resolution of inquiry with regard to the conduct of officers of the United States. It has requested the Minister of Foreign Affairs to contradict this report, and I hasten to inform you officially by order of M. De Remusat that it did not adopt the resolution in question, and that it has addressed no request for an investigation to the Government of the United States. With assurance of my high consideration.

[Signed.] HENRY DE BELLONNETT.

"To the Hon. Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State."

Hartley, of the firm of Schuyler, Hartley & Graham, sworn and examined by Schurz. Witness did not know what other people thought with regard to the condition of the arms shipped in 1870 and 1871, but he believed they were going to France. Some of the goods shipped to France by his firm were marked according to a telegram from France, "E. F. Manning, Republique Francaise." They, however, sent thither other goods not thus marked, but through French officials. Witnes saw Gen. Dyer and Col. Crispen, and asked them about the publicity they had given to it. He asked the Secretary of State whether they would be allowed to ship goods to France, to which the Secretary replied, "If they did so, it would be entirely at their own risk." He had recently sold arms to Russia, Mexico and South America.

Witness was further interrogated by Schurz and Wilson, of Massachusetts. He knew of no Government officers who had received a dollar from the sales; was certain that his firm never paid a dollar to them or any of the French officials; knew no one they pay any other person a dollar. They conducted their own business.

E. S. Allen, chief armorer of the Springfield armory, testified as to the making of a lot of Remington rifles for the navy, at that place, and their subsequent destruction at the time it was having been sold to Poultney, Trimble & Co. With the present force at the armory, it could turn out one hundred and fifty Springfield breech loaders per day. Two hundred machinery were worked, between 200 and 300 a day. It would take three months to prepare to turn out 1,000 a day, as during the late war, the capacity increasing from day to day until that number was reached.

The Committee adjourned till to-morrow.

SUPREME COURT DECISION.

The following opinion was delivered in the Supreme Court to-day: Bradley vs. V. S. Fisher—Error to the Supreme Court, District of Columbia. This was an action of Joseph H. Bradley, Sr., against Geo. F. Fisher, to recover for alleged illegal and malicious disbarment of plaintiff by the defendant while Judge of the Criminal Court of the District. This case is notorious. This Court now affirms the judgment below in favor of the defendant.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, April 6, 1872.

PROTECTION VS. CINCINNATI.

I have already noticed in this correspondence the indications that Horace Greeley and the Pennsylvanians will only go to the Cincinnati Convention for the purpose of dictating its platform, and if they fail to accomplish this a bolt will be a foregone conclusion with them. How can Horace Greeley, King of the Protectionists, and an ambitious Pennsylvanian, stand by the Free Trade doctrines announced by the Missouri Convention of brindle-tails? The New York *Times* yesterday goes for Greeley as follows, for already drawing back his hasty adhesion to Cincinnati:

"Mr. Greeley already finds that the feat of riding two horses is attended with some inconvenience. On Saturday he signed a publication of which the following was a leading principle:

Federal taxation should be imposed for revenue and so adjusted as to make the burden upon the industry of the country as light as possible. He now says: "In signing the letter to Colonel Grosvenor we simply indicated our approval of the Cincinnati movement, *not of every phrase embodied in that letter.*" Was there ever so lame an attempt, made by any national man to shuffle out of his avowed opinion? Does Mr. Greeley call an express declaration in favor of the Missouri Free Trade platform a *phrase?* We have become accustomed to see half a dozen propositions advocated by Mr. Greeley in the course of as many days. But to see a grave opinion lightly dismissed as a "phrase" is something new in the art of tergiversation.

CINCINNATI PREPARATIONS.

A call was received here yesterday for a Liberal Republican Convention to meet May 1st, at Salisbury, N. C., to ratify the Cincinnati Convention movement. It is signed by Hinton, Rowan Helper and others.

CAMPAIGN DOCUMENTS.

The Republican party, the standard-bearer of civilization and national progress, is the title of an important campaign document just issued by the Congressional Republican Committee. It is a synopsis of legislation in civil affairs for the past ten years upon every branch of government, and activity. Those who wish to prepare themselves to discuss politics intelligently during the ensuing campaign should apply to the Congressional Republican Committee or any Member of Congress for a copy. The document was prepared by J. Fred. Meyers, of the Treasury Department.

CONGRESSIONAL.

In the Senate, yesterday, Mr. Robertson gave notice that, as the Indian appropriation bill was disposed of, he should ask the Senate to take up the General Amnesty bill. The Indian bill was then proceeded with.

In the House a bill was passed authorizing the appointment of Deputy Clerks in any United States Circuit or District Court. The shipping commissioners bill will be passed, and designed as it is to protect and procure good seamen for the merchant service, it is hoped it will also speedily pass the Senate. A resolution was adopted that the House will take part in the memorial services on the 16th instant. A bill giving $190,000 to the officers and crew of the United States Man-of-War Kearsarge, as prize money for the destruction of the Alabama, was passed. The army appropriation bill was then taken up, amended, and passed.

THE THIRD AUDITOR'S MONTHLY REPORT.

The report of the Third Auditor of the Treasury for March shows that 2,453 accounts were received and 2,205 settled. The sum of $7,287,-07 was involved in these settlements. The number of claims received was 151, and the number allowed was 318, involving $178,996.28. Certificates of service were issued in 5,900 pension claims of soldiers of the war of 1812, and 161 bounty land do. Number of pages copied, 1,540; number of letters received, 2,428; number answered, 2,392. This shows a creditable account of the activity and energy with which Gen. Rutherford administers his office.

SPANISH MINISTER PRESENTED.

Yesterday the new Spanish Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to this country, Admiral Jose Polo De Barnabe, was presented to the President and made the usual formal speech of respect to the President and the country, to which the President made a suitable reply. The impression that the Admiral would not make an agreeable envoy, on account of some hot blood expressed by him against certain acts of our Government, is not likely to be realized, as he shows every disposition to continue friendly relations with the country as his own desire and that of the sovereign he represents.

WASHINGTON AND OHIO R. R.

Hon. Louis McKenzie, of Virginia, has just published a letter explaining his transactions as President of the Washington and Ohio Railroad. It is an interesting document on the subject of a most important railroad improvement, showing that the very shortest line of all that exists or has been projected, is conducted with vigor and enterprise. The letter was called out by some silly charges against the management for discriminating against Washington in the matter of freights, &c. At present the road unfortunately neither runs to Washington nor to the Ohio river, to both of which points surveys have been made, but it is to be hoped that the road will soon be put under contract, its entire projected length, and form one of the connecting links between the Capital and the great West, which possesses the character of being competition with the two monopolies, the Baltimore & Ohio and the Pennsylvania Central.

LOCAL ITEMS.

With the opening of the spring season, work on the numerous public improvements here is being resumed, with all the activity of last fall. The great water main to supply Capitol Hill is being laid; sewers are being finished, and the Pennsylvania avenue pavement is being continued on to Georgetown, while numerous laborers are at work cleaning up the public parks.

AGATE.

CONGRESS.

Bribery in Kansas Elections—Southern Claims—Indian Appropriation Bill—Supplementary Civil Rights Bill—Locking Up Money by National Banks—Indebtedness of Pacific Railroads—Dr. Howard's Case—Uniform Railway Charges.

WASHINGTON, April 8, 1872.

SENATE.

BRIBERY IN KANSAS ELECTIONS.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a certified copy of the report of the Committee on the Kansas Legislature, in relation to the bribery corruption in the senatorial elections of 1867 and 1871.

Mr. POMEROY moved to refer it to the Committee on Elections, and said he hoped there would be early action upon it.

Mr. CALDWELL expressed the same hope, and said he had been waiting for the report for some time.

The report was referred.

BRIDGE ACROSS THE MISSOURI.

On motion of Mr. BEAM, a bill was passed authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River at Boonville, Mo.

SOUTHERN CLAIMS.

The Indian appropriation bill came up, but on motion of Mr. HOWE, the bills from the Committee on Claims were taken up, and the bill for the relief of Mrs. Martha Hodge Russell, of Tennessee, appropriating $14,873 to compensate her for cotton and other articles taken for the use of the Union army after the battle of Stone River was passed.

A bill appropriating twenty-five thousand dollars for the relief of Milton Best, of Kentucky, as compensation for the destruction of his property by the Union army, was passed—yeas, 27; nays, 12.

Various other relief bills were passed.

INDIAN APPROPRIATION BILL.

On motion of Mr. COLE, the Senate resumed consideration of the Indian appropriation bill. The pending question was on Mr. Wright's motion to reduce the appropriation for the Sioux Indians in Montana from $200,000 to $200,000. The motion to reduce the appropriation was lost. Without disposing of the bill the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

A large number of bills on various subjects were introduced and referred, including the following:

By Mr. HAWLEY, proposing an amendment to the Constitution providing that two Senators from each State shall be elected by the people thereof.

By Mr. COX, to protect shipping from gales by a plan of signals.

SUPPLEMENTARY CIVIL RIGHTS BILL.

There were a number of dilatory motions and votes to prevent action on Mr. Hooper's supplementary civil rights bill. The last vote on the bill was on ordering it to be engrossed and read the third time. That was carried by a strict party vote—nays 100, ayes 78.

LOCKING UP OF MONEY BY NATIONAL BANKS.

The House instructed the Committee on Banking and Currency to investigate as to the National banks engaged in a conspiracy to lock up money, the committee to have power to send for persons and papers. Agreed to, with an amendment by Mr. COX directing the Secretary of the Treasury to report any information he has concerning the alleged conspiracy, and what legislation is necessary to prevent a recurrence.

INDEBTEDNESS OF PACIFIC RAILROADS.

Mr. NEGLEY asked leave to introduce a bill reciting that the Pacific Railroad Companies were indebted to the Government $11,154,745 for interest paid by the Government on bonds loaned to the companies, and that this accumulation of indebtedness would amount, at the maturity of those bonds, to several hundred millions, which it may then be impossible for the companies to pay, and that it is for the interest of the company, as well as of the Government, that this indebtedness should be paid from year to year as it accrues, and authorizing the President of the United States to appoint a select commission of five citizens to inquire into and report to him upon the condition of the companies, and their ability to pay their indebtedness to the Government; also to ascertain whether or not the companies have legally and faithfully applied all their assets to the construction of their road, and to report what legislation as may be deemed necessary to compel payment to the Government, and to secure the Government against loss.

Mr. BROOKS (N. Y.)—I object to the introduction of the bill.

Mr. NEGLEY—I move to suspend the rules and have the bill referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The Speaker stated that there was a motion pending since last Monday to suspend the rules.

Mr. NEGLEY—I raise the point of order, whether it is proper for the gentleman from the York (Brooks), who is a stockholder in these companies, to object.

Mr. BROOKS—I make the point whether an instrument of evil direct to the speculators in Union Pacific Railroad stock, is a proper man to startan investigation.

Mr. NEGLEY—I deny every statement made by the gentleman.

Mr. BROOKS (holding up some paper)—I hold in my hand evidence of the truth of what I say. I knew what was coming, and had proofs sent by telegraph, and if the gentleman has no objection I would like to read it.

Mr. NEGLEY—I have no objection at all.

Mr. BROOKS—I will withdraw my objection if the gentleman will permit me to introduce these documents.

Mr. NEGLEY—I have no objection. I have no interests in this road. I do not own a dollar of its stock. I am not a tool of anybody.

Mr. BANKS (Mass.)—I object to anything except action on the request to introduce the bill.

The Speaker—The question is, shall the gentleman from Pennsylvania be allowed to introduce the bill?

Mr. BROOKS—If he permits me to have read all the documents I hold in my hand, and that they shall not accompany his bill, I shall not object.

The Speaker—The Chair cannot entertain the objection.

Mr. HOOPER—I object.

The bill was therefore not introduced.

DR. HOWARD'S CASE.

Mr. RANDALL presented a petition from the brother of Dr. Howard, punished as a political prisoner in Cuba, asking for an investigation, stating the facts in the case, and declaring the American nationality of Howard, and declaring that in the judgment of the House, Howard is a United States citizen by birth and continued and uninterrupted choice, and that the President should promptly demand his unconditional release and the return of his confiscated property, and also demand full reparation and an apology for such indignity and outrage on an American citizen. Referred to Committee on Foreign Affairs, with leave to report at any time.

APPROPRIATION BILL.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the Senate amendments to the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation bill.

After acting on thirty-three amendments, the committee rose.

UNIFORM RAILWAY CHARGES.

Mr. KENDALL introduced a bill to require uniform charges for the transportation of freight and passengers by railroad companies to the discrimination in favor of or against particular persons or places. Referred to Committee on Commerce.

The House adjourned.

RIVER TELEGRAMS.

River Report.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Office of the Chief Signal Officer*—
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 5, 1872, 3 P. M.

Synopsis for the past twenty-four hours.

STATIONS.	RISE. Feet.	In's.	FALL. Feet.	In's
Cairo	0	3	0	0
Cincinnati	2	0	0	0
Davenport	0	8	0	0
Louisville	1	3	0	0
Memphis	0	0	0	0
Nashville	0	5	0	3
New Orleans	0	4	0	0
Pittsburgh	1	4	0	0
Shreveport	0	0	0	0
St. Louis	0	0	0	1
Vicksburg	0	0	0	0

LOUISVILLE, April 8.—River rising fast; nine feet in canal; seven feet in chute. Rained hard last night and since noon. Business light. Arrived—Louisville, New Orleans. Departed—Louisville, Cincinnati; tow boats arrived—Sam Brown, Charley Brown, Fred Wilson, Diamond, Alice Brown, John Gilmore, Mary Ann, Eagle, Tigress, Dodsworth, N. J. Bigley, Sam Parker, Jno. Hannah, Tom Reese No. 2, Sam Clark, Geo. Roberts, Oil Valley, Jas. Gilmore, Brilliant, Victor and Wilson. Departed—The majority of the fleet returned. The Smoky City, Eagle, and Mary Ann left for Pittsburgh to-day. The Sam Brown descended the falls today. The Charmer got afloat and descended the falls this afternoon.

CINCINNATI, April 8.—River twenty-five feet six inches; rising. Arrived—R. R. Hudson, Wheeling; Kitty Hegler, Kanawha. Arrived—Packets. Rain since noon; heavy storm to-night; thunder and lightning.

ST. LOUIS, April 8.—Arrived—St. Johns, Keokuk; Huntsville, Peoria; Colorado, Vicksburg; Wilson, Chicago; Lady Pike and Muscatine, Upper Mississippi; Robb, Illinois River; Glasgow, Cairo; Belle Peoria, Peoria; Bostona, Memphis; Rob Roy, Keokuk; Bertha, Havana and Cowan, Louisville. River falling. Weather cloudy and mild.

EVANSVILLE, April 8.—Raining hourly since 2 A. M.; prospect of clearing up. River risen four feet. Down—E. H. Durfee, 8 P. M.; Emperor, 8; Evansville, 12; Emma Floyd, 9; Leclaire No. 2, 9; Glasgow, 10; Mary Ament, 2. Up—Quickstep, 8.30 P. M.; Fayette, 9 A. M.; Tarascon, in Emma C. Elliott, 3 P. M.; Florence Lee, 8 A. M.—With fair to good trips. Business contracted by the late.

CAIRO, April 8.—Arrived—Peytona, Louisville, 2 P. M.; Edinburg, Cincinnati, 2; City of Quincy, New Orleans, 5; R. C. Gray, Cincinnati, 7; Minnesota, Memphis, 7. Departed—Bismarck, New Orleans, 6; City of Quincy, St. Louis, 7. River risen 3 inches. Heavy rain last night and until 2 to-day; clear; thermometer 54.

NEW YORK.

Cause of the Recent Lock-up of Money—Peace Jubilee Anniversary—The Eight Hour Movement Again—Trouble Among the Internationals—Beecher's Congregation Surprised—The "Post" on the Alabama Claims.

NEW YORK, April 8, 1872.

CAUSE OF THE LOCK-UP OF MONEY.

The lock-up of money with which the Tenth National Bank is charged, was caused by an attempt of Henry N. Smith, Gould, and other Wall street men, to secure a fall in stocks. These gentlemen being on the Bear side altogether, they withdrew from circulation, without a moment's warning, about four and three-quarter millions legal tenders. In consequence of the closeness of money thus induced, there was great embarrassment on Saturday at the Corn Exchange. A telegram has been sent to Secretary Boutwell requesting him to relieve the money market by loaning a portion of the Treasury reserve in the Treasury. It is said a number of Wall street operators will be arrested to-day.

THE "POST" ON THE ALABAMA CLAIMS.

The *Evening Post*, in referring to the rumors in the cable dispatch to the Associated Press to-day of a peaceable settlement conferences pertaining to the Alabama case, says: "We have strong reason to believe that our Government conveyed to Great

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TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 1872.

GOLD closed in New York yesterday at 110¼@110¾.

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SENATOR BUCKALEW will not be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor. It is said that he is in favor of the nomination of Gen. W. Cass.

THE fearless and impartial report of Senator James L. Graham, Chairman of the Evans Investigating Committee, is universally applauded by the representative papers of honest conduct throughout the State, without regard to party. It is a matter of great congratulation that it was a Republican committee that exposed the frauds perpetrated by dishonest Republican officials. A party that can afford to do right and be honest in all things, to expose fraud and corruption, whether found inside its own or its enemy's ranks, can safely ask the endorsement and support of the people.

GEN. GEORGE W. CASS looms up as the strongest candidate for gubernatorial honors at the hands of the Democratic party. His prospects for election, if nominated, depend altogether on the style, quality and antecedents of whosoever may be placed against him by the Republican Convention that meets at the State Capital to-morrow. With a good man the ex-Railway President can be easily defeated, and that too, by a splendid majority, but it will be a difficult task to accomplish his defeat with any other sort of a candidate. Hence, it will appear, that a more than ordinary responsibility rests upon the Harrisburg Convention. Gentlemen delegates, give us a good, strong candidate for the office and more than half the battle will be won.

THE CHARGES made against Secretary Robeson of the Navy Department by that sensational and thoroughly unreliable journal, the New York *Sun*, have melted away before the testimony of witnesses like snow on an August day. It is extremely mortifying to know that Mr. Dana, the editor of that little spit-fire sheet of the metropolis, should so far forget himself and his personal character as to unblushingly utter all manner of falsehoods against public officials, just so that he can work out a bit of personal revenge against a popular President who has some time or other given him the cold shoulder. While sensational enough in their way, the *Sun's* slanders fall harmless to the ground in every instance. If Dana, while he acted as Assistant Secretary of the war, during the rebellion, had shown as little sagacity or executive ability in dealing with traitors, as he has lately, in the role of a journalist, to bring down a single military hero, his administration would have been a laughing stock. He is entirely welcome to all the capital he has thus far succeeded in making against the Republican party, and, with Horace Greeley, should make a "liberal movement" towards some monastery and there in doing penance work out his sins against the people.

THE REPUBLICAN Convention which meets to-morrow at Harrisburg, will be called upon to nominate fourteen delegates to the Constitutional Convention from the State at large, to be voted for at the October election. As there will be no opposition ticket, the polls to those named, each party voting for fourteen, twenty-eight in all to be elected, it is highly necessary that the best possible selections shall be made. Allegheny county should be entitled to one delegate of the fourteen at large, in addition to the nine allowed for this Senatorial district, six of whom will be supported by the majority and three by the minority. If this county is accorded one of the fourteen to be nominated at Harrisburg, we would take the liberty to name for the position the Hon. D. N. White, as in every way suited for the proper discharge of the duties devolving upon the members of that Convention. He has had ample legislative experience to have shown him the many defects and deficiencies in the present Constitution of the State, and his large general experience of public life, as an editor, and in other positions, peculiarly fits him for the proper discharge of the arduous and intricate labors which must be borne by the working members of the Convention.

THE ENGLISH newspapers are filled with accounts of the disgraceful scene which took place recently in the House of Commons on the occasion of the introduction of the resolution of Sir Charles Dilke referring to the expenses of the Crown. Disgraceful, we say, for that is the word used by the papers and the people when describing the noisy, riotous and beastly repulsive proceedings, which followed the introduction of the paper. It is greatly to the credit, however, of Sir Charles and his only backer, Mr. A. Herbert, that amid the storm of blasphemy and abusive epithets which fell with devilish malignity from the sycophantic followers of the throne, they stood unmoved, though deeply mortified at the exhibition of such a tyrannical and diabolical spirit. The London *Spectator* thus describes the scene:

"The riot was a most discreditable one. When Mr. A. Herbert rose to second Sir C. Dilke, the Tories, instead of quietly not attending, resolved to stop him, and for an hour and a quarter yelled, shouted, screamed, hissed, crowed like cocks, brayed, and made animals of themselves in every possible way. Four efforts to count out were made, but stopped by the government, which wanted a division, and at length Lord E. Cecil (?) "saw strangers" and expelled the reporters—not to prevent their reporting so disgraceful a scene, but to stop Mr. Herbert, who, however, stood out the storm as obstinately as his ancestor stood out the Lord George Gordon. The whole business, had it occurred in the French Assembly, would have furnished an argument for recalling Napoleon III., *and in America would have been quoted to the discredit of a republic.* The new Speaker appears to have rather failed in his duty, permitting the riot to go on without arresting the *school-boys* who led it, and disgracefully even an appeal from Mr. Dodson, who was scandalized by the cock-crowing, only remarking that "he had never been so pained," and this, after he had decided, in reply to Viscount Bury, that Sir C. Dilke had a right to make his motion."

The *Spectator* truly remarks that such a scene, happening in America, would be quoted to the discredit of a Republic. As it has happened, not only once, but often, in the British Parliament, does it discredit the English form of government, or only the character of the noodles whom that form enables to gain position and power?

CHANGING SCHOOL BOOKS.

An esteemed correspondent who has given much attention to the public school system and its operation, and who is a heavy taxpayer and the head of a family of children whom he is educating in the halls of the People's Colleges, sends us a well-written communication on the subject of an abuse that has been encouraged for many years past by those having the management of the schools in their charge. We refer to the gross injustice practised on the pupils and their parents in the frequent and senseless changes made in the text books in use. Nearly every year an actual change, or a sturdy fight to make one, is experienced, and inasmuch as an effort is being made to throw out most of the text books now in use in the Public Schools, we think it about time for the gentlemen of the Central Board of Education to call a halt to those who are engineering the movement. The school books in use are all that can be desired in point of excellence. A change is not needed or desirable. The scholars are always more or less retarded in the prosecution of their studies by these periodical changes in text books, while their parents are taxed very heavily by the system. If the Common Schools are free there is no earthly reason why book hawkers and publishers should be permitted to reap a rich harvest every once in awhile, at the expense of parents, by bringing about a change of the class books used. It is to be hoped that the Central Board will at once put an efficient check to the genteel system of robbery that is doing so much damage to our popular system of education. That somebody makes money out of these frequent changes cannot be denied. Let those responsible for the conduct and management of the schools look to it that their action shall be such as to ward off any suspicion that they share in any part of the profits derived from this pernicious and dishonest game of changing text books every few months. No fault can be found with the people if they do think so if the present attempt to make another change shall prove successful.

SPRING.

Considering the vacillating character of the season, and the numerous disappointments and postponements that it has already given rise to this year, it would, perhaps, be attended with some risk, if we were to assert that Spring has begun; but it is perfectly safe, if, arguing upon the doctrine of precedents, we assert that Spring will soon be here. We have every right to look now for balmy breezes, sprouting verdure, sudden changes in the predictions of "Old Probabilities," heavy rains, light splashes of sun and bad colds. Spring must be the anniversary of the season of creation, for it still commemorates that most stupendous of all the events in the world's history by forcing nature into a new life and compelling all things to start afresh. Trees which have been clashing their bare branches for months above the fallen and rotting leaves of last year, must begin now to put on their new clothes, grass and flowers must push up out of the ground and get a fair start before the spring crops of vegetables and grain are ready to come out, houses must be scrubbed, carpets shaken, and new coats of paint put on. In short, naturally and privately, spring is the time for preparing to look better and do well. There is no especial reason why it should not also be so municipally, but it is not. We do not believe there is any good cause why the street cleaning should not be as thorough and regular as the house-cleaning. Sewers might be cleansed with as much advantage as accrues from the family chimney sweeping. Arrangements might be made to secure the health and comfort and cheerfulness of the city, just as they are made for a household. The city itself might be as much benefitted by a little breathing spot or two as the city official individually is by his little vacation at Long Branch or Cresson. A general public purifying and disinfecting would be as advisable as is the work of the careful housewife, who has her cellars and rubbish rooms cleaned out and sprinkled with chloride of lime. All this might be done in spring, one would think, but it never is done, and we newspapers go on shouting out warnings of the disease and pestilence which must surely follow the too long neglect of the example which nature annually places before us, until the warnings are as little regarded as the examples, and some pleasant summer day, one of those foreign plagues which are born in the filth of oriental cities, will find us out and settle down among us, and when it takes its departure at last, those of us that are left may set to work and clean up, but it is more than probable that we will do nothing of the kind.

EARTHQUAKE IN ANTIOCH.

Verily the world is tossed on troubled waters at this particular period. War has devastated fair countries and laid low thousands upon thousands of brave hearted human beings; revolutions startle the eastern and western worlds; famine stalks abroad in oriental lands, and with unrelenting wickedness cuts down the old and the young, the weak and the strong; epidemics are sweeping over the earth, even visiting our own land, which of late has seemed especially blessed by a kind Providence; earthquakes have rumbled and threatened near our very doors, while with increased wrath they have shaken the cities of the old world and swallowed up hundreds of human beings. It seems as though the judgment of God on man's wickedness were close at hand. The cable brings us the distressing news this morning that the ancient and historical city of Antioch, which Pliny, in his early time, christened the "Queen of the East," has been laid once more in ruins and swallowed almost wholly by a fierce earth-rending earthquake, and that fifteen hundred mortal beings went down, without a warning sound into the premature grave hewn out by angry nature in her convulsive throes. The student of history will feel especially aggrieved that this grand old city that has stood for over two thousand years has again with her preserved ruins been swallowed up, and that the piles of relics of ancient buildings and monuments of departed ages have gone down in shapeless, crumbled masses of ruin into the earth. The oriental tourist has ever turned with deep interest to Antioch, which was once, away down in the past, the most beautiful and magificent of the sixteen cities rejoicing in the same name, built in honor of the memory of Antiochus 300 years Before Christ, by Seleucus Nicator, a dutiful and admiring son of the eminent Syrian King.

Antioch is situated in Syria, Asia, twenty miles from the mouth of the river Orontes. In the time of Chrysostom its population was computed at 200,000, and the ancient Christian church, which had been established there, soon after the martyrdom of St. Stephen, then numbered 100,000 souls. It was here that the name "Christian" was first applied to the followers of the Savior of mankind. The history of the ancient city is full of vicissitudes of fortune. In ancient times, war (B. C. 145) stripped her of 100,000 of her people in a struggle against the Jews led on by one of the Macabees. In 115 A. D., the city was almost completely destroyed by an earthquake, but was restored to its primitive grandeur by the Emperor Trajan. In 165 A. D., it was destroyed by fire and restored by Antoninus Pius. In 331 it suffered dreadfully from famine, and a like visitation fell upon the people of the unfortunate city in the reign of Julian, and again in that of Theodosius. In 458, 526 and 587, and 1827 it was almost wholly ruined by earthquakes. From the latter it never rallied, but was merely a city of grand ruins. The city walls, a ruined aqueduct, two bridges and a portion of pavement were all that were left to remind the tourist of the magnificence of the great ancient city that was the capital of the Christian principality from 1098 to 1269. Its population in 1872 was about 6,000, so that one-fourth of the entire inhabitants have been swallowed up by the earthquake just reported.

A CONNECTICUT man is engaged in working up a saw-log thirty feet long into a fife for Gilmore's jubilee. It will be blowed up by nitro-glycerine, says the Norwich *Bulletin*, and that paper is authority on all such subjects.

MATTERS OF MOMENT.

SOME of those Cincinnati Convention people seem to think general amesty means free and unconditional pardon for every body but the President of the United States, whom they place beyond the pale of forgiveness.

THE Mexicans are having a terrible time among themselves. Five thousand of them were killed or wounded in the battle of Zacatecas. The Mexican question might solve itself if the outside world would let it alone, just as the famous cat question was solved at Kilkenny. And indeed since the ill-fated Maximilian showed the folly of intervention, the Kilkenny policy seems to be the only one left.

THE latest luxury is spotted fever, it is prevailing all over the country and penetrating where the small-pox has not. It is very elegant to have the spots shaped like monograms or crests, and it is deemed vulgar to take any precautions, such as cleaning slums and removing garbage. There is little doubt that it will become the rage here as it is already epidemic east of us as well as west. It is a true child of carelessness and filth.

THE *Christian Radical* thinks there is altogether too little difference between the Catholic and Episcopal Churches. Such an opinion might come well enough from an essentially Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, or Protestant *Radical*, but a *Christian Radical*, one would think would scarcely find fault with anything which looked like an approach to Christian union. We think our contemporary ought to change its name or its opinions.

GENERAL AMNESTY is not approved by oil producers. Once a South Improvement man, always one, and consequently condemned forever to languish oil—less in the land. While the walls of Coventry frown down on any wretch who dares to think of selling them any. We hardly think, however, that it can be true that certain producers, who happened to hear the story of the Good Samaritan, who poured oil into the wounds of the unfortunate traveler, called an indignation meeting for the purpose of finding out if the Samaritan was a refiner and if so where he got the oil!

A BANK VAULT in Alexandria, Va., exploded the other day and seriously injured an unfortunate teller named Uhler. There seems to be nothing that is non-explosive now-a-days. Bank vaults used to be regarded as places of safety but no one can Uhler-gize them now. This teller went into the vault one evening, turned on the gas and tried to light it, but something was wrong and it would not burn and he did not turn it off again. The next morning he lit a match and opened the vault door to see if it would burn yet. Slowly and sadly they picked him up from among the broken furniture and tried to keep the flesh from peeling off his face until the doctor came.

THE circus season has begun a little to the south of us, nor will it be long until we have to announce its commencement here. There are numerous wonderful things in the field, e. g., one man, has a great *menagerie, museum, equarium* and *circus*, the most elaborate and costly exhibition ever organized in America, embracing more attractive features than ever before presented by any other show, and the only one that exhibits by its street parade, the evidence of its superiority over all others, using three monster pavilions at each performance." Observe the confidence evinced by the advertiser, and admire the boldness of the reference to the street parade! Nevertheless the writer seems to have been mistaken, for another circus *is thus* spoken of: GREAT EASTERN *menagerie, museum, aviary, circus* and *balloon shoe*. So stupendous is the collection brought together by its experienced projectors that *four immense pavilions* are required to exhibit this combination of TWELVE SHOWS IN ONE! We thought if the collection is any more stupendous than the knowledge of time writing possessed by the writer who in his way must be as truly great as the "experienced projectors."

SELECTIONS.

If you find a newspaper curiously folded, lying on a ball-room floor, don't ask stupid questions about it.

A BIT of undigested cheese in a Sedalia girl's stomach had for some time been passing for a lizard. A powerful emetic disclosed the fraud.

WOODBULL and family are going to Europe. If the ship they are to sail in ever intends to sink in the middle of the Atlantic, that'll be the time for her to do it.

PATTI's recent benefit at St. Petersburg was a magnificent ovation. All the imperial family were present, and the stage was literally covered with flowers and wreaths. A number of the elite of Russia society presented the diva with a diamond butterfly valued at 35,000 francs.

MANY people like newspapers, but few preserve them; yet the most interesting reading imaginable is a file of old newspapers; it brings up the very age of its issue, with all its bustle and every day affairs, marking its genius and its spirit, more than the most labored description of the historian.

THE United States light-keeper on Green Island, in Green Bay, states that at the time of the Peshtigo fire, the garments from the family wash, hanging upon the clothes-line in the yard, were saturated with turpentine brought in the atmosphere over the water from the land ten miles distant.—*Chicago Tribune.*

A CONSIDERABLE number of young cork trees are growing in a most thrifty manner in various parts of California, from seeds sent out by the United States Patent office. They have been watched with interest, and are now believed to be a success, as regards the possibility of rendering them productive and profitable.

IN Philadelphia they have a peculiar local custom of tying black ribbons on the shutters of houses as a symbol of mourning. Since the late visitation of small-pox the prevalence of these emblems has had an alarming effect upon strangers. The assurance is, however, published by authority that the pestilence has almost disappeared.

A BROOKVILLE (Ind.) telegram to the Cincinnati *Gazette* says: "On Friday evening last, McDonald Cheek broke jail, took a ramble of a few hours around town and returned about daybreak to one of the taverns to await the arrival of the sheriff. After a few warm congratulations from his would-be friends, he was taken back to his old tramping ground."

THE fund for the De Forrest scholarship at Yale has lain idle for some years, and now the question has been raised as to what shall be done with the accumulated money. Whoever takes one of these three scholarships of three hundred dollars a year each, must assume the name of De Forrest, a condition which only three students have ever been found to fulfil.

THE Chicago *Evening Post* says: We are rather sorry that Mr. John M. Van Osdel has seen fit to certify that the east wall of the Court House is perfectly safe. It will be remembered that Mr. Van Osdel not a very long time ago certified that the new Court House was a well built and perfectly sound structure—three days after which the roof fell. Mr. Van Osdel's certificates are ominous.

YALE freshmen, who have heretofore retired to roost in fear and trembling, lest "hazing" parties should descend upon them in the silent watches of the night, are now allowed to board at New Haven hotels. Rowdy sophomores are disgusted at the innovation. If the latter could also be accommodated with board in jail, for a time now and then, the "hazing" business would suffer taming somewhat.

A CAPTAIN of a whale-ship in alluding to the severe climate and various privations suffered by the inhabitants of Spitsbergen, told one of them that he sincerely pitied the miserable life to which he was condemned. "Miserable!" exclaimed the phil-sophic sage, "I have always had a fish-bone through my nose and plenty of train-oil to drink; what more could I possibly desire?" This is true contentment.

A YALE junior recently visited a young lady; staying rather late, and, being fearful of disturbing the family, took off his shoes, and went to the front door in his stocking feet. Just as he emerged from the door, with his shoes in hand, he was seized by a policeman, and it was with considerable difficulty that he and the lady together could convince that functionary that he was not a proper candidate for the lock-up.

THE Utica *Observer* tells of monster snow banks in Litchfield. The citizens have dug an arch through one of them, and a wagon, loaded with meh and women drawn by four horses, passed through the snow-arch. It is 400 feet in length, and the heads of the men and women in the wagon did not reach within four feet of the top. The Litchfield people talk of preserving the tunnel for picnic purposes during the coming Summer.

A MAN in Corrina, Me., of the name of Clark, has been advised by the spirits that a fountain or lake of quicksilver is beneath his house, and goes for pick-axe and drill. He began digging in the ledge in his cellar about two years ago, and has penetrated over 60 feet. Neither argument nor ridicule has any effect upon him. He is guided by his daughter, a girl of 12 or 14, who has obtained some local celebrity as a clairvoyant.

THE Copenhagen (Denmark) monthly, *"For Ide og Virkelighed"* (for "Idea and Reality") in its late issue for February, has a long review entitled, "Walt Whitman, the American Democratic Poet." It gives many details of the material history of "Leaves of Grass," and of Whitman personally, and treats both on the assumption that they are essentially the first advent of Democracy in æsthetic literature. It has much to say of Mr. Whitman's prose work, "Democratic Vistas."

CHARLES VOLLMAN, a well-known citizen of Hoboken, late proprietor of the Park Hotel, had five teeth extracted in this city last Tuesday. The gums continued bleeding from that time, and on Saturday a consultation of ten physicians was called. The bleeding was then stopped, but Mr. Vollman was evidently dying from exhaustion. Two friends then bared their arms, and twenty ounces of their blood were transfused into his veins. The remedy, however, was ineffectual, and he died Sunday morning.

MR. SUMNER has the reputation of being the most constant attendant upon his official duties among all the Senators. Since his illness last spring he has been compelled to be frequently absent from his seat. But previously, with the exception of the time when he was disabled, sixteen years ago, and when he was called East to attend his mother during her last sickness, about six years ago, it is said that he has never been absent longer than twenty minutes from the Senate during its sessions. He has not been inside the House of Representatives for several years.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

THE latest East Indian papers teem with accounts of Lord Mayo's funeral at Calcutta. The whole city, literally, was in attendance, and the procession contained not only all the civil officers but also all the military, from far and near. The utmost grief was manifested by the whole assemblage. The coffin was on a gun-carriage, drawn by twelve horses, and covered with the Union Jack. As it approached the Maidan, or park, where the multitude had gathered in the greatest numbers, every head was reverentially uncovered; the slow, mournful strains of the bands mingled with the boom of the minute guns; the sailors on the tops of the vessels stood cap in hand; the crowds, native and European, outside the enclosure seemed like people spell-bound, while the vast procession fell silently into the allotted places. The greatest sympathy was universally shown for the late Viceroy's little son, aged seven years, who followed the hearse as one of the chief mourners. Addresses of condolence have been sent to Lady Mayo from all public bodies, not merely in Calcutta, but throughout India. The Maharajahs Scindia and Jeypore, among others, telegraphed their sympathy immediately, and Scindia countermanded his intended camp of exercise. The King of Oude ordered his household into mourning; the Mahomedan and Hindo festivals were suspended; and the Brahmas decreed a fast, and prayed for the repose of the dead, and for a blessing on his family.

THE Florentine correspondent of the N. Y. *Evening Post* says: I have great pleasure in announcing a rising star of great brilliancy, a second Adelina Patti. Mademoiselle La Jeunesse —singing under the assumed name of Emma Albani—is a young Canadian of French descent, from twenty to twenty-one years of age. She was educated at Paris, but received her musical education at Milan, and sang two years since at Malta and at one or two of the minor cities in Italy. Her first signal success, however, was during the summer of 1870 in the *role of Amina* in Bellini's "Somnambula," at the Politeama of this city. So great was the enthusiasm which she aroused upon that occasion that the people insisted upon carrying her home in procession by the light of torches. The greatest proof of her triumph, however, was her immediate engagement by the impresario of the Pergola—the finest fashionable opera house in Florence—for the season of 1871-72. Last year she engaged herself to sing, at a very large remuneration, at Covent Garden, London, during the months of May and June next, alternating with Adelina Patti, and for three years thereafter. She has received, also, handsome offers from St. Petersburg, Vienna, Cairo and other cities, all of which she has, however, declined; well knowing that if her success in London be such as there is every reason to anticipate, it will then be in her power—her European reputation being fully established—to command almost any price she may name.

ROME is vastly agitated over the discovery of the body of a lady, which the Tiber yielded up near the Ponte Molle, one evening early in the last month. The victim was young and richly attired. The discovery was made by a fish vender, who straightway gave an alarm, and summoned the proper authorities and the pale-faced citizens to the spot. In the bosom of the unfortunate lady was plunged a dagger with diamond-studded hilt, and a faint stream of blood was discernible on the silk dress. Profuse black curls hung disheveled over the shoulders and face, and on a plain white collar pinned to the dress below the dagger wound was written in blood the terrible word, "Vendetta." A short examidation was sufficient to establish the lady's identity, and it was then discovered that she was the Princess Catarina di Chigi, one of the most beautiful and brilliant of the Italian belles. She had been absent from her parents' palace for some days previously, but pride had forbidden a publication of the fact. The cause of the tragedy is supposed to be explained by the fact that she was betrothed to Prince Erberto Giugla, who loved her madly; but at last her feelings underwent a religious change, and she determined to enter a convent and take the veil. This determination aroused the Prince to such a pitch of frenzy that it is considered almost certain that he murdered the one he could not marry.

A WRITER in *Woods' Household Magazine* says: If a cold settles on the outer covering of the lungs it becomes pneumonia, inflammation of the lungs, or lung fever, which in many cases carries the strongest man to his grave within a week. If a cold falls upon the inner covering of the lungs, it is pleurisy, with its knife-like pains and its slow, very slow recoveries. If a cold settles in the joints, there is rheumatism in its various forms; inflammatory rheumatism with its agonies of pain, and rheumatism of the heart, which in an instant sometimes snaps the chords of life with no friendly warning. It is of the utmost practical importance, then in the winter weather, to know not so much how to cure a cold as how to avoid it. Colds always come from one cause, some part or the whole of the body being colder than natural for a time. If a man will keep his feet warm always and never allow himself to be chilled, he will never take cold in a lifetime, and this can only be accomplished by due care in warm clothing and the avoidance of drafts and undue exposure. While multitudes of colds come from cold feet, perhaps the majority arise from persons cooling off too quickly after becoming a little warmer than is natural from exercise or work, or from confinement to a warm apartment.

THE Chicago *Tribune* says: Jury duty is not a delightful task, and many are the attempts to shirk its performance. The old device is growing somewhat stale, but the last one displays a brilliant power of invention. A New Yorker has been excused on the plea that the Constitution does not recognize God as the author of all power and authority in government, etc., etc., etc. Without doing more than pointing out the injustice of trying to shift the responsibility of carpet-bagism on the Deity, we must note the wide range of excuses that this decision makes available. Judged from his late action, Horace Higginson would plea that he could not serve because the Constitution ignored Buddha. Our colored fellow-citizens, especially the residents of New Orleans, can justly complain of the lack of mention of the "odd-man." The believers in the divinity of Potter Christ, who has just died in Iowa of a broken heart from a schism among his followers, have ample ground for excuse in the omission of his name in the Constitution. In short, there is no limit to the variety of pleas. If any one serves on a jury hereafter, it will be his own fault.

THE Missouri *Democrat* says: We do not like to spoil a good item for the Chicago papers, but that pretended St. Louis circular, warning people away from Chicago on account of the small-pox, has run about long enough, and it is high time to say that it is bogus. There is no such man and no such committee in St. Louis as appears in the signature to the item which seems to grieve the Chicago souls so much. We more than suspect that the whole thing was gotten up in Chicago, to manufacture a little of that kind of sympathy upon which she claims a sort of patent right. St. Louis makes no particular effort—legitimate or illegitimate—to divert trade from Chicago. It is not necessary to do so, inasmuch as trade is diverting itself in this direction about as rapidly as it can at the present time. People are every day coming to St. Louis to trade who never came here before, and our merchants are overburthened with business rather than complaining of the want of it. The Dodd circular is altogether too thin. Chicago, to be worthy of her inventive reputation, must do much better than that.

A FEW DAYS before his death, Humphrey Marshall related a strange dream which he had the night before, to a party of friends at the Capitol Hotel in Frankfort. The party included General Marshall, ex-Governor Charles Anderson, Lieut. Governor Carlisle and General Dodge. The subject of supernatural manifestations and presentiments was under discussion when General Marshall suddenly turned to Carlisle and remarked: "I had a singular and most vivid dream last night. In my sleep a spirit appeared before me and asked me what I knew of Judge Davis, the nominee of the Labor Reform Convention. My reply was that I knew very little about him. 'Then study his record and make yourself thoroughly master of it,' said the presence, 'for the country is on the eve of great events, with which you are to be associated. Behold!' 'I looked,'" continued the General, "to the part of the Heavens indicated, and saw before me a political panorama, and from year to year I beheld my own name recorded until A. D. 1880, and after that it was seen no more. I shall live till 1880, John, I am satisfied of it—I shall live till 1880.'"

A LARGE number of the prominent business men of New York have united in a petition to the President to appoint a commission of five distinguished officers—two from the army, two from the navy, and one from the coast survey—to whom may be referred all the maps and documents of the various surveys with reference to the construction of an inter-oceanic ship-canal across the American Isthmus, the Commission to be instructed to report upon the practicability and cost of such a canal. In reply to this petition, the President has appointed Brevet Major General Andrew A. Humphreys, of the United States Army, Professor Benjamin Pierce, of Massachusetts, and Captain Daniel Ammen, of the United States Navy, such a Commission, with full power to act in the premises, and to submit their report to the President. The result of this important inquiry, which looks to facilitating the trade between Western Europe and Eastern Asia, will be waited for with general interest.

The Missouri *Republican*, the organ of the Western Democracy, and the sponsor of the passive policy, in speaking of the Connecticut election, says: We are not surprised, nor greatly disappointed, for we had expected that Jewell would be re-elected and a Republican Legislature chosen; but we think it would have had a wholesome effect, in the present attitude of parties, if he had been beaten and Hubbard elected. We do not know that there are any Liberal Republicans in Connecticut; we do not know that the Republican opposition to Grant, which is making such active and significant exhibitions of itself elsewhere, has any substantial development in that small State. If it has, it ought to have shown itself in this election; the Liberals, as many as there are of them, ought to have voted for Hubbard. This would have increased the good will of Democrats, which must be the chief reliance of the Cincinnati convention; and, if it had resulted in the election of Hubbard, would have given to the marshalling opposition to Grant an example of their power.

WHEN the East India Company began to rule Hindostan, it found a powerful class of men, called Zemindars, who received the taxes from the small farmers and handed them over, less gigantic stealings, to their sovereigns. The East India Company, imitating English customs, made these Zemindars landlords, and so created a landlord aristocracy favorable to its rule, but, at the same time, made the mass of the people unfavorable to it. It reaped the harvest of its folly in 1855, when the people, hopelessly in debt to their landlords, revolted, and plunged Hindostan into the horrors of the Sepoy Rebellion. The Calcutta correspondent of the London *Times* says that the same condition of things exists now, and predicts the same result, unless a stay law, deferring the collection of debts, is passed and enforced.

THE story is told that several years ago a young man by the name of George Sutton, residing in Sevier county became deranged, and was so violent that his parents confined him in a separate building, constructed with a view to his occupying it, they not wishing to send him to the asylum at Nashville. A few days ago he became perfectly rational and asked to be released, stating that he had but ten days to live and wished to prepare for death. His request was complied with and he resumed his place in the family circle, clothed in his right mind. He read the Bible almost constantly, and, strange to say, died on the tenth day afterward, thus realizing his forboding.

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DAILY GAZETTE.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, MONDAY, April 8, 1872.

	Saturday.	Monday.
Bonds.—1871	115¾	115¾
5-20—1862	112¾	112¾
" 1864	112¾	112¾
" 1865	113	113¼
" 1865 new	111½	111¾
" 1867	112¾	112¾
" 1868	113¾	113
10-40s	108¾	108¾
Currency 6's	115½	115¼
Gold	110¼	110½
New York Central	99	98¾
Do Scrip	92¾	92
Erie	63¾	63
Reading	117	117
Lake Shore	96½	96
Fort Wayne	96	96
Cleveland & Pittsburgh	92	92¼
Rock Island	116¾ (ex div)	111¾
Chicago & N. W	83½	82¾
Do. Preferred	94¾	94¾
St. Paul, Common	63	62
Do. Preferred	81½	81
Wabash	79	79
Union Pacific	58¾	58½
Ohio & Mississippi	49¾	48¾
Pacific Pail	64¼	64
West. Union Telegraph	74½	73½
Adams Express	97	96¾
American Express	73	—
U. S. Express	71¾	71
Wells, Fargo	79¾	79⅝

—Messrs. Gilbough, Bond & Co., bankers and brokers and members of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, furnish the following quotations of the prices to-day of the most active stocks:

	Saturday.	Monday.
Penna. Central	61¾	61⅜
Penna. Allotments	58¾	58¾
Reading R. R.	58½	58⅝
Camden & Amboy	126½	127
Lehigh Navigation	47¼	47⅛
Oil Creek & Alleg'y R. R	39¾	40¼
Central Transportation	24¾	—
Empire Transportation	55	55
Union Transportation	80	80
Pittsburgh City 5's	73½	73⅝
A. V. R. R. 7-30's	93	93
Lehigh Valley R. R.	50	50
Philadelphia & Erie	28¾	28¾

NEW YORK, April 8, 1872.

Gold stronger to-day, ranging from 110¼@110⅝; advance based on prospect of dearer money and lower prices for securities in London. Loans were from 7 to ¼ for carrying. Clearings about twenty million. Governments dull and steady. Stocks opened very feverish on first call; advanced ½ to ¾ per cent., but by second call were down again to opening prices. During the afternoon the market was irregular; at close it was strong, with Rock Island as principal feature, which sold ex-dividend of 4 per cent., and advanced 1¼ per cent. from opening figures. Volume of business much smaller than of late. The *Express* says private cable telegrams from London state that Messrs. Heath and Raphael have withdrawn their opposition in the Erie matter. If this should turn out to be true, and there is no reason to doubt it, then the Erie railway is likely to pass under the permanent control of Bischoffsheim and Goldschmidt, which firm represents James McHenry and the Atlantic & Great Western party. It certainly looks as if the contest for the Erie election is over.

The Clearing House Association met to-day to take some action in the affair of the Tenth National Bank. A resolution to expel the bank from the Clearing House was voted down by 39 to 15. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Clearing House Committee be and is hereby directed, whenever it appears in its judgment that legal tender notes have been withdrawn from use through the agency of any bank, a member of this association, to make an immediate examination of the bank in question, and should there appear to be complicity on the part of the bank or its officers, to suspend such bank from the Clearing House until the action of a committee of the Association thereon.

A communication in relation to proposed United States national banks in this city indicate that the subscriptions will be large at the opening of books on the 10th inst. Many applications have been made already in advance through Henry Clews & Co., subscription agents, and a distribution of shares will be widespread among national banks in their corporate capacity; no less than among individual investors. Money is tight, and loaned as high as ¼ per cent. and interest. About three o'clock a broker, supposed to be engaged in the lock-up of money, loaned publicly $500,000 at 7 per cent., but immediately after the rate ran up to ¼, closing at 1 P. M. at ¼ to ⅝. It was reported on the street to-day that money was worth 5 per cent. in the open market at London, against 3½ per cent. at the bank, and this would indicate a further advance in the Bank of England rate which is not unlikely. State bonds dull and steady.

Sterling exchange, 109.

GOVERNMENTS.—Coupons '81, 115⅝; 5-20's of '62, 112¾; do. '64, 112¾; do. '65, 112⅝; do. new, 111¾; do. '67, 112⅞; do. '68, 112⅜. Ten-Forties, 108¼; currency 6s, 115½; new fives, 109⅝.

STATE BONDS.—Mississippi, 95; Tennessee, old, 66⅔; do. new, 60¾; Virginia, new, 55; do. old, 54; North Carolina, old, 36; do. new, 20.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Western Union Telegraph, 73⅝; Quicksilver, 38½; Adams Ex., 96¾; Wells, Fargo & Co., 79⅝; American Merchants' Union, 73; United States, 71; Pacific Mail, 64; New York Central, 98½; Scrip, 91¾; Erie, 63; do preferred, 80; Harlem, 112; do preferred, 129; Reading, 116¾; Michigan Central, 116; Cleveland and Pittsburg, 92; North-western, 82¾; do preferred, 91¾; Rock Island, 112, ex. div.; N. J. Central, 109½; St. Paul, 62; do preferred, 80¾; Wabash 79; do preferred, 88; Fort Wayne, 96; Terre Haute, 24; do preferred, 56; Chicago & Alton, 117; do preferred, 118; Ohio & Mississippi, 48⅝; C., C. & C., 90; Burlington & Quincy, 133; Lake Shore, 96¾; Panama, 53; Illinois Central, 125; Union Pacific, 38½; Central Pacific bonds, 101½; Union, 91¼; Delaware & Lackawanna, 108¾.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, MONDAY, April 8, 1872.

ASHES.—Common soda 7 cts; refined (high test) 8; Nitrate, 5¼; Pots, 10; Pearls, 11.

APPLE BUTTER.—Sales at 65@70cts per gallon, for fair to medium, and 75@80 for prime to choice.

APPLES.—Dealers generally report trade as being slow, but notwithstanding the demand is falling off, prices are still sustained; we continue to quote at $3.00@4 per bbl, for common to fair, $4.50@5.50, for good to choice.

BEANS.—In steady demand but unchanged $2.50@3 per bushel, as to quality.

BUTTER.—Is coming in prety freely, and the market is easier; however, the supply of strictly prime is scarcely equal to the demand; and we continue to quote at 30@32cts, for prime to choice. The common and medium grades are in good supply and dull.

BROOM CORN.—Is dull and weak, though prices are without quotable change; we continue to quote at 5¼@8½cts ₱ ₰, according to quality. Manufacturers are still disposed to hold off being apprehensive of a further decline.

CANNED GOODS.—Peaches ($1 lb. cans) $6@7 per case, according to quality. Tomatoes $4.50@5; Corn $5@6.50, the outside figure for Winslow's.

CARBON OIL.—Is still quoted at 19cts by the car load 20@3cts additional for smaller lots.

CHEESE.—Trade is dull, but in view of the light stock in this market prices are still maintained. We continue to quote at 19@20cts for Goshen 17@18 for factory, Schweitzer 16@18, according to quality.

CONCENTRATED LYE.—$5.25 ₱ case.

COUNTRY LARD.—Sales at 8@9c per lb, according to quality and condition.

CRANBERRIES.—Sackell's still quoted at $16@17 per bbl—market almost bare of the common grades.

DRIED FRUIT.—Sales of peaches at 9@10 for halves, 7@8 for mixed; 5@6 for quarters; 15@20 for peeled, according to quality. Apples scarce and in demand, and prices are firm and tending upward; sales at 8@9cts for medium to prime, and 9¼ for choice.

EGGS.—The market was almost bare on Saturday, and with considerable inquiry, prices were run up, in some instances, as high as 25; however this is an outside price, and was only realized by those who took advantage of the temporary scarcity; quotations to-day may be fairly given, at 23@24cts.

FLOUR.—Is firmer in sympathy with the advices from the west, our main source of supply, and in consequence of indications, another advance particularly for winter wheat grades is probable; we continue to quote at $8@8.25. Spring wheat flour is unchanged at $7.50@7.75. Rye flour, $5.50.

GRAIN.—The receipts and offerings of wheat continue very light and with some inquiry, prices are firm but unchanged: $1.65@1.65 for red, and $1.67@1.70 for white. We understand that some of the country mills are sending orders to this market for wheat, the result of which is that there is little or no stock remaining in first hands in this section of the country. Oats continue rather dull but prices are without quotable change; 47@48 in the car load way, and firmer, under the influence of an increased demand, but as yet there is no quotable advance in prices; last sales in elevator were at 58—some holders are now asking 59@60. Ear corn is quoted at 58 in bulk and 60 in sacks—the market quiet and unchanged; we continue to quote at $1. Barley is dull and prices are nominally unchanged; 70@85 for spring and 75@80 for fall.

GROCERIES.—Coffee—The importers on the sea-board are still holding on, and believe that with the demand which must soon come from the interior in consequence of the very low stocks held by the jobbing and retail trade, an appreciation in value will be the result and enable them to get out whole if not at a profit. It is reported that the next sixty days will show light receipts, the purchase having been meagre of late, but the large stocks of 250,000 bags now moved here will in all probability prevent any material advance, unless we may except choice and fancy Rio, which are, and will be, scarce for the remainder of the season. The inability of Congres to close the tariff question has completely stopped business, and mere nominal prices can only be quoted until a final decision on the duty question is arrived at. This done an impetus will be given to the trade in Rio coffee which will likely stiffen prices. Java is reported lower at Rotterdam, and West India grades are easier. Sugar—Raw sugars are easier owing to large receipts in the last few days in the Atlantic cities, and refined dull. The stock held in first hands now exceeds that of the same time last year, and arrivals constantly reported. A late advance in the London and Liverpool markets will attract goods that way and effect our market to the advantage of owners. It is said that the importers are already commencing to store rather than sell at the ruling prices, in which there is a loss of ½c per ₱ ₰ on Cuba and Porto Rico. Refined sugars are ½c lower than at same time last year, and, with an improvement in business and an easier money market, will do better. Molasses—An improvement in New Orleans prime to choice is felt in all markets—an advance of 2c ₱ gallon having been established at the close of last week in New York, with very little stock offering. We look for high prices, as the season advances, on choice goods, which are scarce. Low grades are not in good demand. The higher grades of syrups are selling at stiff figures, and may improve in view of light stock. Common to good quatities are neglected. Rice—Carolina in good demand at high prices. Rangoon and Patna easier. Our merchants are selling all kinds at prices below the importer's figures, and freights to this point. Carolina sold last week in New York as high as 10¾c for "head" rice, but at the close the market showed a decline of ⅛c.

COFFEE.—Rio—Choice, 25; Prime, 24; Good, 23¾; Fair, 23. Java, 28. Roasted, pure, 27, lower grades, 25@26.

RAW SUGARS.—Choice New Orleans, 11@11¾; Prime, 10¾; Good, 10; Fair, 9⅝. Choice Porto Rico, 10½; Prime, 10¼. Demerara—Choice, 11¾; Good, 11¼.

REFINED SUGARS.—Standard Hards, 13⅝; do A., 12¾; do B., 12½; do Ex. C., 12; do C., 11¾; do C. Yellow, 11¾; Chesapeake do Ex. C., 11½.

NEW ORLEANS MOLASSES.—Choice, 70; Prime, 68; Good, 65; Fair, 60.

SYRUPS.—Fancy White Drips, 75; White Honey, 65; Havemeyer & Elder's, 65@67; other grades, from 40@60.

RICE.—Carolina—Choice, 9½; Prime, 9¼; Good, 9. Rangoon, 8@8¾. Patna, 8¼@8.

SPICES.—Grain Pepper, 22; do Pimento, 16; Cassia, 50; Cloves, 20; Nutmegs, $1.30.

HOMINY.—Is quiet and unchanged; sales in a jobbing way, at $4.50@4.75 ₱ bbl.

HAY.—There is a continued good demand and the recent advance is well sustained; we continue to quote baled at $25@30 per load, according to quality.

MAPLE SYRUP.—Is coming in freely and prices are easier; we now quote at $1.70@1.75 ₱ gallon.

ONIONS.—Sales were $2.50@3.25 per bbl, according to quality. Onion sets, $4.50@5.50 per bushel.

OILS.—No. 1 lard oil is easier, and we reduce our quotations to 82@83 cts ₱ gallon in a jobbing way.

POTATOES.—The demand is increasing, and prices are steady but unchanged, 75@85 cents ₱ bushel, the outside figure for prime Lake Shore Peach Blows. Early Rose, for seed, $3.00 @3.25 ₱ bbl.

Red seed, $5.00@3.25 per bbl.

PEA NUTS.—Sales at 8¼@9cts per lb.

PROVISIONS.—Plain shoulders, 6cts; sugar cured do, sets; ribbed sides, 7¾cts; short rib, 8cts; clear, 8½cts. Breakfast Bacon, 10¼@ 11cts; plain sugar cured hams, 11¾; do, canvased, 12. Lard; in tierces, 9¼; in kegs, 10½; in buckets, 11. Mess Pork, $14. Dried Beef, 17c. Ham sausage, 10.

RAGS.—Sales at 4@4¼cts per lb.

SALT.—Quiet and unchanged; $1.85 per bbl, by the car load, and $2 in a jobbing way.

SEEDS.—There is an improved demand for both Clover and Timothy seeds, but there is no change to make in prices; we continue to quote the former in a jobbing way, at $5.50@5.75 and the latter at $3@3.50. Flax seed is scarce and in demand at $1.85.

TALLOW.—Rough 8½@9cts.

ALLEGHENY CATTLE MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, MONDAY, April 8, 1872.

Following shows the number of cattle on sale, the points from which they were shipped, and the names of the shippers:

Jacob Needy, Bellaire	4 cars
W. Thompson, "	1 "
Hazlewood & Blackstock, Chicago	2 "
Holmes & Hunter, "	2 "
Keefer & Beyer, "	3 "
S. Marks & Bro., "	2 "
Jacob Schamberg, "	1 "
Greenwald & K., "	2 "
W. Moonshine & Co., "	1 "
S. Kraus, "	1 "
Holmes, L. & Co., "	1 "
S. Lowenstein, "	1 "
D. P. Barnes, Alliance	1 "
W. Carns, Canton	1 "
W. Weinz, "	1 "
A. Gachtne, "	1 "
Geo. W. Kesky, Orrville	1 "
Pefer Stutz, "	1 "
J. Swanley, "	1 "
Greenwold & Kohn, Wooster	1 "
Jacob Jacobs, Dayton	2 "
Chas. Jacobs, "	2 "
Total	34 cars

HORSES.

Rody Patterson, Jr., Cincinnati	2 "
Miller & Bradley, Columbia, Ind	1 "

CATTLE.

The supply on sale to-day, although not much if any above the average of the past three days, was nevertheless fully equal to the demand; this is evident from the fact that at, noon there was several lots of "odds and ends" in the pens unsold. Trade was if anything a little quicker than last Monday, and prices ruled firm as high, for the drovers. Nearly all complained of the market being hard and unsatisfactory, and what makes them feel still worse is the fact that there is but little prospect apparent of any immediate improvement. Many of them alleged that they lost money last Monday, and if so, we do not believe that they got much of it back to-day, as the cattle, from all that we can learn, cost fully as much, while, prices, as already stated, were no higher.

Of the 37 cars on sale, 16 cars were from Chicago, and these constitute the best cattle in point of quality, and in consequence brought the most money, selling at 7@7¾cts for prime to extra; and 6@6¼ for medium to good; one small bunch of show cattle brought 8cts, but this is from ½ @¾ of a cent above the market. Stock cattle continue dull; the supply of this kind was small, and 5c was the demand; may be quoted at 4¼@ 5cts according to quality and condition. Fresh cows sold all the way from $60@65, and selling more readily than common scalawags at $20@35.

Following is a dealers report of the sales, as reported by the drovers themselves:

Greenwald & Kahn report 80 head of good to prime butchers; steers from Ohio and Chicago at 6@7¼.

J. W. Unyer sold 8 fresh cows at $30@55 according to quality.

Keefer & Beyer sold 28 good to active; butcher cattle firm, Chicago 6½@6¾cts.—sold 4 active show bullocks to Honriel Shinthelm, of Webster, Westmoreland., at 8cts; sold one load goods Ohio steers for Hershy at 6@6½.

Holmes & Hunter sold to 16 head of butchers cattle (from Chicago) at 6¼@7cts.

Jacob Lobman sold 18 head of mixed stock, at 5@7.35.

Geo. Hersly, wholesale, one car of fair Ohio steers to Kraus & Co., at 6¼cts.

Kraus & Son retailed two cars of butchers cattle at 5@7cts.

James Hanlin sold 9 head fair to good, Washington Co. steers at 5@6¼cts.

S. Marks & Bro., sold 14 head of stockers averaging 700 at 4¾cts; 61 head of fat cattle at 6¼@7¼.

Jacob Needy, reports having sold three loads of good to extra Ohio steers at 6¾@7½.

Sol. Lauriman sold 29 head from Ohio and Chicago at 5¾@7¼.

Rothchild & Zeigler sold 4 loads of Ohio stock at 5@7cts.

T. B. Donnelly & Co., 1 car mixed Ohio stock at 5¼@6¼.

Louis Schamberg one load Ohio stock at 5@ 6¾.

Holmes Lafferty & Co., sold 37 head of cattle at 6c; fair butcher at 5¼@6½.

Carr & McAllister sold 37 head of Ohio stock at 5¾@6¾.

Sadler, Havens & Co., sold 2 cars mixed Ohio stock at $5.25@6.37½.

Holmes & Hunter sold 100 calvee for Robinson & Phelps at $250 per head, or 6cts ₱ ₰.

S. Antle & Flinner disposed of 16 head of Butler Co, stock.

SHEEP.

The supply, although fair, was not large, footing up about 400 head; of these 120 were clipped, the first of the season, and they brought fair prices, 4¾ to 6¾c, according to quality. There was a fair demand for wool sheep also, and at noon the pens were almost cleared of all kinds. One fancy bunch, probably the best that has been offered here this season, brought eleven cents per pound—they averaged 165 lbs, all round, and sold 50 head of them. For further particulars we refer the reader to the annexed report of sales:

Andy Slakely sold 12 head, coarse wool, averaging 100 lbs, at 4¾c; 4 spring lambs, at $4 per head.

Flinner & Sheetemanton sold 55 head of extra Butler county weathers, averaging 165 lbs, to Peter Fish, at 81 cts; seventeen of them averaged 211 lbs; considered the best lot of sheep ever brought out of Butler county.

Smith, Watson & Beggs sold 51 head fair Washington coenty wool sheep, averaging 78 lbs, at 8 cts; also 120 clipped from Lickeny county, Ohio, for Isaac Vanumber at 4¾@6½c.

J. W. Unger sold 55 head of common to fair wooled sheep, at 7@8c.

John F. Neeley sold 40 head of prime wool, averaging 105 lbs, to Peter Fish, at $9 per head.

Neeley & Fairley sold 55 head of sheep and lambs at $4 to $5 per head.

HOGS.

Trade in this class class of stock continues dull and is likely to remain so for some time to come. As the weather gets warmer the demand for fresh pork will fall off, and, in consequence, there will be fewer hogs required. Prices, as compared with last Monday, are lower, and we now quote in a retail way at 5 to 5½ cts gross. Isaac Vannotte, of Licking county, Ohio, wholesaled 64 good hogs at 5 cents.

PETROLEUM MARKET.

TUESDAY, April 6, 1872.

Duquesne Way, since the advance of fine weather, and the resumption of navigation on the Allegheny river, is begining to present a more lively appearance, and hopes are now entertained that as soon as the difficulties in the oil regions caused by the defunct "South Improvement Company" have been reconciled, this business will revive. Since the 1st of the year trade in petroleum, not only here but at Cleveland and other points has been at a complete stand, and as noted in our last report, operators generally are anxious to "start up" again, could be obliged for a time to work on very small margins. It is hoped that the rule in the oil regions, forbidding producers and others from selling to those who are supposed to had been connected with the "S. I. Co." will soon be revoked and the sooner the better, not only for the trade, but for the producers themselves. The enforcement of this foolish policy has operated badly on the producers; it has doubtless injured them more than the refiners, as it has caused an unusually heavy accumulation of stock in the oil regions, and in consequence the price of crude has doubtless depreciated more in value than it would otherwise have done.

The operations to-day were again meagre but there seems to be more interest manifested in regard to the market, present and prospective than there has been for some time past. Crude is still quoted at $3.25 ₱ bbl at Parker, and we were reported sales of large oil here at 8¾cts. Refined is quiet and unchanged; 21¼ on spot and 21¾ first half April.

Oil barrels are reported more active but unchanged. Sales of country on wharf at $1.50; city at $1.60 on spot, and $1.65 last half April.

Receipts Pig Metal, Ore and Blooms.

PITTSBURGH P. W. AND C. R. R.

cars.	cars
P. Jones & Co metal 1	Nimick & Co. metal 7
G. W. Cailman m 1	J. A. Caughy metal 4
J. W. Porter metal 1	Chas. Smythe & Co m 1
Lindsay & McC m 1	
Total 22	

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH R. R.

McKnight P. & ore 1	Lacy Furnace ore 15
Watson Bros ore 1	Spang C & Co metal 2
Wilson G & Co ore 1	Rees Graff & D ore 2
Shoenberger & Co o 9	Pittsburgh B. Co ore 2
Total 33	

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Foreign Markets.

LONDON, April 8, 5 P M.—Consols for money 92⅝; account 92⅝. 5-20s of '62, 92½; do '65, 93½; do '67, 93¼; 10-40s, 89.

LIVERPOOL, April 8.—Cotton dull; middling uplands 11¼d. Wheat, red winter 11s 7d. Flour 26s 6d.

ANTWERP, April 8.—Petroleum 47¼f.

New York.

NEW YORK, April 8.—Cotton dull; sales of 2,000 bales middling upland 23¾. Flour a shade firmer: super western and state $6.50@ 8.80; common to good $8.80@7.05; good to choice $7.05@7.80; extra Ohio $7.05@8.35; St. Louis $7.35@10.25. Rye flour quiet at $4.10@ 5.05. Corn meal unchanged. Whisky dull at 87c. Wheat dull; very choice No 2 Milwaukee $1.59; winter red western $1.70; white western $1.90. Rye dull; medium 83c. Barley more active; western 82c. Malt unchanged. Corn heavy, western mixed 72¼@78c; old 81¼c; white western 76c. Oats dull; western 52@54c; Ohio 54@55c. Eggs quiet at 21@21½c. Hay and hops unchanged. Coffee dull: Rio 17¾ @20¼c. Sugar steady; fair to good refining 8¾@8¾c; Cuba 8¾@9¼c. Molasses is in moderate request; Cuba 36@39c. Rice quiet at 8¾ @9¼c. Crude petroleum 12@12½c, refined 22c. Turpentine weak at 68¾@69c. Pork is less active; new mess $13.10@13.15; prime $10.75@ 10.87; new prime mess $12.50@12.75. Beef unchanged. Cut meats steady; pickled bellies 8¼@9¼c; shoulders 5@6c. Middles quiet; long clear 6¾c. Lard dull; No. 1 to prime steam 8½@8¾c; kettle 9@9¼c. Butter dull; western 11@21c. Cheese dull at 15@19c.

Live Stock.

PHILADELPHIA, April 8.—Beeves in fair demand; sales of 1,700 extra Pennsylvania steers and western steers at 7¾@8c; fair to good 6½ @7c; common 5@6c per ₱. Sheep fair in demand; sales of 1,200 at 8¼@10c per ₱. Hogs dull; sales of 3,200 at 6¾@7.25 per cwt.

NEW YORK, April 8.—Total beeves for week 7,000, against 8,200 the previous week; for today's market 1,900, viz: 162 cars at Communipaw; 1134 at One hundredth street, and only 4 at Weehawken; shippers have nearly all left the Eried road; trade dull at about Friday's prices or ½ cent lower than week ago, and there was a supply of fat droves, and 13 cents was the top price. Two lots of pairs sent off and charged 13¾c; prime sold at 12c; fair at 11@11¾c; poor 10@10¾c; the average being about 11¾c. Stock not all sold; all meat markets depressed; rain of last night unfavorable. Six cars Missouri, 7½ cwt. sold at 11¾c; 3 cars do 1,400 lbs alive at 6¾c live weight; 8 cars Illinois 160 lbs, at 10¾@11c; 5 cars Indiana, 7 cwt, at 11½c; car extra, 10 cwt, Illinois at 12c. Sheep: total 13,700 against 21,100 last week; there are only 3,800 fresh on sale to-day, but they are not varied; the market is very slow and lower, or 7@8c for extremes; very good are selling at 9c; there are no clipped sheep and very few lambs; the latter are worth $7@8.50 each for fair to good; 2 cars fine wool Ohio sheep, 104 lbs., sold at 16c; a car of coarse, 95 lbs., Missouri 8¼c; a car, 70 lbs., thin State 7c. Hogs for week 24,100 against 2,200 last week; market steady at 4¾@6c for live; 5¾@ 6¾c for dressed. Those of 200 lbs. selling at 6c.

Dry Goods.

NEW YORK, April 8.—The dry goods market continued fairly active and firm. We quote Adriatic brown sheetings at 14¾c; Atlantic A. 15c; do H 14½c; do V 12¾c; Agawam F 12c; Androscoggin 8-4 do 34c; do 9-4 45c; do 10-4 50c; do AA bleached 16c; do 10 inch do 19c; do 8-4 do 30c; do 9-4 do 45c; do 10-4 do 50c; Bates XX 18@19c; Blackstone AA do 16c; Clinton C do 15¾c; Constitutional do 12¾c; Davol Mills 15c; Dwight C cambrics 20c; do linen finish 18c; Fruit of the Loom 19c; Hill's Semper Idem 17c; Gem of the Spindle 16c; Flower of the Spindle 20c; Indian River X 11c; Lincoln C 15¾c; Lawrence S 12¾c; Masonville 18c; New York Mills 22@22½c; New Market C 14¾c; Wilthrop A A 12¾c; Wyoming 11¾c; Whitneyville 5c; do 33 inch, 13c; paper cambrics of best makes 13½c; Pacific Mills lawns, 16½c; Manchester do 14c; do percales 18c; Pacific Mills do 23¾c; do Dolly Varden styles 27¾c; printed calicoes 11½@12c, and Dolly Varden styles 12¾@ 13c.

Chicago.

CHICAGO, April 8.—Flour: extra spring $6.25 @7.00. Wheat: No 2 spring weak and lower at $1.22½. Corn: No 2 mixed weak and lower at 35¾c. Oats: No 2 opened firm; closed weak and dull at 31c. Rye: No 2 unsettled and lower at 68@69½c. Barley: No 2 more active at 49½ @50½c. Mess pork firm and strong at $14.70. Lard firm at 8¾@8¼c for kettle. Little done in meats. Bulk shoulders 5¾@5¾c; sides 5¾@5¾c; sides clear rib 5¾@6¾c. Hams in pickle nominally unchanged. Highwines in active; 82c offered; 82½c asked. Hogs steady at $4.00@4.50.

Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, April 8.—Cotton dull; middling upland 22¾@22¾c. Flour firm; family $7.60@ 7.75. Wheat steady; red $1.60@1.72. Corn firm and advanced at 48c. Rye firm at 90@92c. Oats steady; 38@42c. Barley quiet and unchanged at 75c. Groceries unchanged. Linseed oil active and advanced; 90@92c. Lard oil firm at 75@78c. Mess pork advanced; $12 for spot, $13.25 for seller June. Lard firm at 8¾ Bulk meats firm; shoulders held at 4¾c; sides 5¾@6¾@6½c. Hogs quiet but firm at $4.25@ 4.50; receipts 1,000. Whisky firm at 83c.

Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, April 8.—Flour firm; northwestern extra $7.50@8.50; Indiana and Ohio $7.00@8.75. Wheat held firmly; State and western red $1.75@1.85; amber $1.95. Rye held at 88c. Corn firm; yellow 68c; western 67@68c. Oats firm; white 45c; mixed 52@53c. Petroleum: crude 16c; refined 21¾@21½.

Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE, April 8.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat steady; No. 1 $1.29½; No. 2 $1.22¾. Oats firm; No. 2 32c. Corn firm at 39¾c. Rye dull; No. 1 69@70c. Barley firm; No. 2 fall 58c. Mess pork firm at $11.75@12.00. Lard 8¼c. Bulk meats: shoulders 4¾c.

Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, April 8.—Tobacco active and high for all grades; sales of 62 hhd. Bagging firm and unchanged. Cotton steady; middling 22¾c. Flour firm and active; extra family advanced. Grain quiet and firm. Corn 59@60c. Rye 85@90c. Barley 75@80c. Oats 48@50c. Provisions firmer, with an upward tendency. Bacon: shoulders 5¼@5¾c; sides clear rib 6¾c; clear 6¾c. Bulk meats quiet: shoulders 4¾c; sides clear rib 5¾c; clear 6c. Mess pork $12 25. Whisky 85c.

Toledo.

TOLEDO, April 8.—Flour firm. Wheat steady; new white Michigan $1.71; amber Michigan $1.62¾@c. No. 1 red $1.58. Corn firm; high mixed 43¾c. Oats dull; rejected 38¾c. Clover seed $8.10. Mess pork and lard dull and unchanged.

Detroit.

DETROIT, April 8.—Flour firm at $7.50@7.75 for white. Wheat steady but 1c lower; extra $1.73; No. 1 $1.67; amber $1.59. Corn firm at 49¾c. Oats steady at 38¾@39c. Clover seed $8.10@8.12.

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Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, April 8.—Wheat nothing doing; nominally unchanged. Refined petroleum quiet; 21c in car lots; 22@22½c in trade lots.

IMPORTS BY RAILROAD.

WEST PENN. R. R. April 8.—*Through*.—10 bxs soap, J M Commings; 15 pkgs fish, S Diver; 10 do Beckfield & N; 10 bbls sugar, W J Carson; 3 bbls molasses, G F Conley; 2 do do, W Alexander; 4 do sugar, A Ross.

Local.—52 sheep, W B Neeley; 5 bbls eggs, L H Awiser; 6 bbls tallow, W & H Walken; 9 bbls whiskey, A Guckenhumer; 1 car sheet iron, Rogn & B; 40 bgs oats 10 bbls whiskey, R Henderson; 8 sks potatoes, J A Parker; 21 bbl eggs,

HOME NEWS.

Brutal Affair.

On Saturday evening last Jacob Miller, a resident of Penn street, in the Tenth ward, in a fit of intoxication, kicked his wife down stairs, and thereby inflicted injuries from the effects of which the woman is now reported by her attending physician, Dr. Helber, in a precarious condition. So we learn from an information made before Alderman Koenig, who has issued a warrant for the arrest of Miller.

Sudden Death—Inquest.

Coroner West yesterday held an inquest on the body of an old man named Frederick Schilling, who had dropped dead while walking along Butler street, in the 15th ward. A verdict of death from apoplexy was rendered. Deceased was about 62 years of age, a native of Germany, and leaves a wife and three children. He was a machinist by occupation, and in comfortable circumstances.

Letters held for Postage.

Fred. Givener, Allegheny, Pa.; 3; Samuel B. French, Beaver, Pa., 1; J. K. Stebbins, Ashtabula, Ohio, 3; Ross, Shuck & Co., Philadelphia, Pa., 3; John Kinter, Barnets, Pa., 3; Miss Kittie Carroll, Newark, N. J., 3; Mrs. Hattie E. Allen, Philadelphia, Pa., 3; S. R. Wells, New York, N. Y., 3; George F. Yengling, Minerva, Ohio, 3; Miss Had Boyd, Bowersville, Pa., 3; Mrs. Ann G. Barker, Washington, D. C., 3; Sisters Mercy, St. Xaviers, Pa., 1; Mrs. Aurora Meyer, Butler, Pa., 3; Henkwig, Atlenwig & Co., Gallipolis, Ohio, 3; Mrs. Marget Dunn, Wheeling, Va., 1; Miss Lucretia H. Canan, Johnstown, Pa., 3.

English Tribute to Pittsburgh Genius.

We paid a visit yesterday to the Steam Pump Factory of Messrs. Winter & Epping at the corner of Penn avenue and Thirty-second street, to verify a statement we had heard that they were about to ship to New Castle, on the Tyne, in England, a couple of their patent double acting steam pumps, and we were gratified to find the fact to be as stated in print. We saw the pumps which are to be sent off to-day to their English owners. The superiority of these pumps is such that orders for them are coming in from eastern and western cities, and now a brace of them go abroad for English inspection and use. These pumps have a pumping capacity of 34,000 gallons per hour. A large one in the shop built for the Allegheny Water Works has a pumping capacity, per hour, of 50,000 gallons. The quality of material and workmanship seemed to be of the very best, and although the pump was designed and patented by the firm and they have the exclusive right to make them, they are furnished as low as any of the inferior pumps of the same capacity. We confess to a sentiment of pride and self-gratulation when we learned that England was thus paying tribute to the genius of our Pittsburgh mechanics, and we congratulate Messrs. Winter & Epping on being the recipients of such a testimony to their skill and enterprise.

Home-Made and Eastern Made.

In our rounds of the city yesterday we dropped in at the extensive carriage manufactory of Messrs. C. West & Co. We say extensive; its front numbers on Liberty street are 75, 77 and 76; it entends back to a great depth, has extensive wings, and is three stories high, and it includes upper and lower show rooms for finished work, and various spacious apartments apart from each other accupied by workmen engaged in the several departments into which the work is classified. In their show rooms are exhibited a large variety of carriages, barouches, buggies, &c. Some of these are of modern style and finished in the most exquisite manner. The assortment includes some of eastern manufacture, as well as many of their own make. We scrutinized the unfinished work in order to judge of the quality of iron, steel and wood used, and are convinced that the utmost care is observed to reject everything that is in the least defective. The iron is the best Lownore, the steel is of the very best, and the hickory, ash and other woods used are not only of large growth and tough, but thoroughly seasoned. This firm is the oldest in the city, and has long been noted for the excellence of their work. Many of our old citizens who have tested their work in comparison with Watson's and other celebrated Eastern makes, declare that West & Co.'s work is fully equal to the best, but those who think they must have *Eastern* made carriages will find them, also, for sale by West & Co., and, owing to their arrangements, they are able to sell the Eastern work from 10 to 20 per cent. lower than the same carriage can be brought from the east by individual purchasers. In addition to their general stock of all kinds of elegant vehicles, they are receiving many orders for an entirely new style, improved *"Buck wagon,"* very light, very strong and of peculiar construction. This wagon is patented, and Messrs. West & Co., have the exclusive right for this county; we predict a great run for these charming errand wagons. They are pretty, convenient and cheap. Everybody that has a horse will want to own a *"Queen of the Rose,"* which is the name by which they are to be known; this wagon, like the rose, would by any other name be just as charming.

Vitrified Sewer Pipe.

Contractors, plumbers, railroads and all consumers will please notice advertisement of the "Akron Sewer Pipe Company" in another column. This company was established in 1848, being the oldest and most extensive sewer pipe manufactory in America. They have agencies in the most prominent cities in the United States. Their agencies in Pittsburgh and Allegheny city have been established a number of years, and have supplied most, if not all, the pipe used by both cities in constructing their sewers. This pipe is glazed with salt only, a thoroughly vitrified and compact body, as durable in any climate as glass. Its strength was tested by hydrostatic pressure at the Novelty Iron Works, and by afterward crushing pressure in the city of Washington, D. C., where it was brought into direct competition with the noted Scotch and English pipe. The bulk it was proven to be the best arranged and best pipe exhibited. Vitrified sewer pipe is recommended by city engineers and Councils of all cities where it has been in use. Pittsburgh and Allegheny city have adopted it for all sewerage purposes. The pipe is made from 1 to 24 inch caliber, both ring and socket, and warranted to make a perfect joint. Elbows, branches, curves, slants and traps for each size of pipe. Mr. C. McMillen, who has charge of their warehouses in Pittsburgh and Allegheny city, would be glad to have parties wanting the best pipe for draining and sewerage purposes to call and examine that made by this Company. Made by have also for sale at warehouse and yards, flues, chimney tops, fire brick, clay and tile, lawn [illegible] very lowest prices. [illegible] and yard are situated at [illegible] and Tenth street, [illegible] 67 Sandusky street, Allegheny city. Please call or send for price list. All orders will be promptly filled by them. We recommend the Akron Pipe Company to our friends as an honorable and responsible company, with ample resources and facilities for promptly executing all orders, however extensive.

Public Entertainments.

PITTSBURGH OPERA HOUSE.—"Amy Robsart," with Mrs. Bowers in the title *role*, was presented last evening, with a display of gorgeous pageantry and brilliant costumes seldom seen in Pittsburgh. The play is pregnant with interest from beginning to end, and the new scenery, prepared for the occasion, is surpassingly magnificent. The support of Mr. McCollom, as *Earl of Leicester*, and that of the entire stock company was excellent, but the play could not have been expected to pass off so smoothly on its first presentation, where the play depends much upon scenic effects to and the success. full magnificent of a large amount of Kenilworth paraphernalia, as it will on its second and subsequent representations. But notwithstanding an occasional jar which was noticeable to a close observer, the performance was throughout to enjoyable. But aside from all other parts of the performance, the splendid acting of Mrs. Bowers in the character of *Amy Robsart* is an evening's entertainment of the first order in itself.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—The "Seven Ages" or Twenty Years' Celebration last night of the last time of the season by Robert McWade. The audience was large, as it has been each representation during the engagement. We are glad to be able to record the fact that the spring season inaugurated by Manager Beamer at this popular and handsome theatre, has thus far been very successful, and so long as the management continues to give us first-class legitimate drama we doubt not it will continue to be so. This evening the sweet singer and ever popular artist, Mrs. Caroline Richings Bernard, will appear as the "Mute Singer." We trust she will receive the welcome which is invariably accorded to her in Pittsburgh—that of a large audience.

PITTSBURGH ACADEMY OF ART AND DESIGN.—The art display at the gallery of this association, in Library Hall Building, is truly a magnificent one—such a one as the citizens of Pittsburgh have seldom if ever been favored with before. Perhaps it is because it is such a display as our people have not been accustomed to look for in the gloomy atmosphere, and amid the busy din and bustle of manufacture and trade, that it has not thus far been fittingly patronized, certain it is, however, that those who have made one visit to the gallery, and taken a hasty review of its contents, need no pressing invitation to return thither, to search out and study the new beauties which appear to them at each successive visit.

COAL SHIPMENTS.

Fleets Leaving To-day.

The coal fleets, which are made up for Louisville and New Orleans, to go out to-day, aggregate nearly three million bushels. They are as follows:

LOUISVILLE.

	Bushels.
Panther, 7 boats	154,000
Charley McDonald, 6 boats	132,000
Evan Williams, 5 boats, 2 barges	89,000
Dial Scull, 3 boats, 2 barges	80,000
J. S. Mercer, 6 boats	132,000
Gen. Larimer, 3 boats	66,000
Arrow, 4 boats, 1 barge	99,500
Fred. Wilson, 5 boats	110,000
Storm, 6 boats	132,000
Total	1,003,500

NEW ORLEANS.

Ajax, 10 boats, 4 barges	266,000
Grand Lake No. 2, 10 boats	220,000
Grand Lake, 9 boats, 1 barge	209,500
Boaz, 9 boats, 1 barge	209,000
J. S. McDonald, 12 boats	284,000
Dick Fulton No. 10 boats	240,000
John A. Wood, 12 boats 2 barges	306,500
Lioness No. 2, 9 boats	198,000
Total	1,933,000

For Rent.—A large room on second floor of GAZETTE building, corner of Sixth avenue and Smithfield street. This room is a very desirable one for an office. For terms, &c., apply at the GAZETTE Counting Room.

PITTSBURGH COUNCILS.

The Meeting Yesterday—Consideration of Important Business—The Park Project—The Election of a City Engineer Postponed—The Firemen to be Uniformed—Extension of the Manchester Passenger Railway—The Appointment Question.

The Pittsburgh Councils held a regular semi-monthly meeting on Monday afternoon, April 8, 1872, at their Chambers in the old city building.

SELECT COUNCIL.

A. H. GROSS.....President,
E. S. MORROW.....Clerk.

This branch was called to order at fifteen minutes past two o'clock, by President Gross.

Present

Messrs. Aslade, Burgwin, Chislett, Chambers, Chalmers, Herron, Hunter, Jeremy, E. P. Jones, Lang, Liddell, Littell, McCarthy, McCune, McDonald, Morrow, Rafferty Riddell, Schmidt, Shipton, Wainwright, Wilson, Zern, and President Gross.

Minutes read and approved.

THE CITY ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT.

Mr. RIDDELL was granted permission, out of order, to present the following:

WHEREAS, The reorganization of the City Engineer's Department is contemplated; therefore, be it

Resolved, (Common Council concurring) that an informal private meeting of *all* the members of Council be held in the Common Council Chamber, on next Thursday, April 11, 1872, at 2. P. M., to consider the same, and that the election of a City Engineer be postponed for the present.

Mr. CHALMERS moved that the resolution be laid upon the table. Not seconded.

The resolution was then read three times and passed.

Mr. C. amended by fixing Monday, 15th, as the time for the meeting. S. C. receded and concurred.

Mr. J. H. JONES, by unanimous consent, was allowed to present the following:

THE LAWRENCEVILLE TURNPIKE.

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be and is hereby authorized to negotiate with the sequestrator of the Lawrenceville and Sharpsburg Plank Road Company, for the compensation to be paid by the city of Pittsburgh for so much of said road as lies within the city limits and the franchises of said company therein, and to enter into an agreement with said sequestrator for the payment of the sum in accordance with the provision of an act of Assembly entitled "An act providing for the surrender of the Lawrenceville and Sharpsburg Plank Road Company to the city of Pittsburgh. Approved the 9th day of March, 1872.

The resolution was passed.

Mr. RAFFERTY presented a communication from Mr. John McKee, setting forth that in 1869 he was engaged to grade, pave and curb Vine street in the city, and that the work had been accepted and the assessments all paid in. In this amount there was $486.86 which had been paid to the Treasurer, Mr. Samuel Allinder, now deceased, but that the contractor had never been paid the balance. He therefore requested that a warrant for the amount $486.86 be certified in his favor to Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. O'NEILL, petition for privilege to erect iron-clad barn in rear of lot 344 Penn street. Referred to Committee on Wooden Buildings.

Mr. MORROW presented ordinance locating a sewer on Magee street. Referred to Street Committee.

Also, memorial from administrator of John Flinn, deceased, setting forth that the deceased had been a contractor in the city, and that he was desired that the balance due him on his contracts with the city be paid, otherwise his estate would become insolvent, and the property would have to be sold. Referred to Finance Committee, with power to act.

Also, resolution directing the City Engineer to report a new plan for opening of Locust street from Cedar avenue to Allegheny river.

Mr. LANG, petition from Henry Morton, asking permission to erect iron clad. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Mr. LIDDELL, resolution instructing Street Commissioner to repair at once the Twentieth street sewer. Passed.

Also, petition accompanied by an ordinance, granting W. J. Asdale privilege to erect iron clad building in rear of his lot on Penn street, Twelfth ward. The property holders in the neighborhood endorsed the petition.

Petition accepted and ordinance read three times and passed.

Mr. E. P. JONES, petition from George Wolsey, for refunding of money for grading of Morton street. Referred to Finance Committee.

Mr. HERRON, petition of C. Howard, contractor, representing that he was due to him $14,784.13, together with interest from December, 1871, for work on Webster avenue, and that as the dispute in relation to the claim had been settled in his favor in the courts, he desired to have the money paid, as the matter on merely questions of law was to go to the Supreme Court, and he might thus be unjustly kept out of his money for years. Referred to Street Committee.

Mr. LAUFMAN, petition for water pipe on Broad street. Referred to Water Commission.

Mr. ADAMS petition for change of grade on Dennison avenue. Referred to sub-committee.

Mr. LITTELL, an ordinance adding the work of measuring timber to the duties of the measurer of wood and lime.

The ordinance was read three times and passed under supension of the rules.

THE PARK PROJECT.

Mr. BURGWIN offered the following:

WHEREAS, E. W. H. Schenley and wife have refused to ratify the provisional contract for the sale by them to the city of land for a public park, agreed upon by their agent and chairman of the Park Committee, and reported to Councils Dec. 11, 1871; therefore,

Resolved, That the City Attorney be directed to institute legal proceedings for refusing to the city the law embraced in that contract for a public park, according to the provision of the act of the 18th of May, 1871.

Mr. BURGWIN in explanation of the resolution, stated that when the agreement was made and signed by Mr. Hatch, the agent of Captain Schenley, he Hatch professed to be fully advised of the wishes of Capt. Schenley, and Hatch signed the paper subject to the ratification of Mr. Schenley, but the consent of the latter gentlemen under his signature, was looked upon as proper and formality, and no trouble was anticipated in view of the statement made to Mr. Hatch. A few weeks ago Mr. Hatch had told the speaker that he had received a letter from Captain Schenley, and that the matter was left discretionary with Mr. Hatch, and under the proviso that the Park should be called Schenley Park. No objection was made to this provision; but subsequently Mr. Hatch had another interview with Mr. (Burgwin) in which he added other provisions, which could not be complied with. He (Burgwin) thought therefore that if they wanted the property they should condemn it.

Mr. LITTELL wanted to know if there wouldn't be economy in using this ground, if suitable, for a reservoir for the water works. A water reservoir, according to the plans, would have to be erected on that side of the city anyhow, and Craft's Hill had been designated, but perhaps this property could be had much cheaper and would answer the purpose.

Mr. BURGWIN stated that the plans adopted by Councils upon recommendation of the Engineers included the building of a "storage" or reserve water reservoir on Craft's Hill, and that if that plan was carried out, they would have probably to condemn the land.

Mr. LITTELL—Isn't there considerable difference in the price of these properties.

Mr. BURGWIN—There is a difference of four or five thousand dollars per acre. If this Schenley property would answer the purpose there undoubtedly would be a great saving in purchasing it instead of the Craft Hill property.

The resolution pending, was not offered for discussion or adoption immediately but to be laid over for consideration at the next meeting.

Mr. MCCUNE—I met Mr. Hatch just as I came down to Councils and was told by him that he never had offered the land at $500 per acre; that was a proposition that came from the Committee.

Mr. BURGWIN—Well then what does his signature mean to this agreement. It is a clear statement of the offer made by Mr. Hatch and accepted by the Committee, and as such is signed by both parties.

Mr. MCCUNE—I've read that agreement, and know the offer is there; but I simply state what Mr. Hatch told me. He said further that in acquiescing in this offer he had coupled with it such provisions as he thought would kill it.

Mr. BURGWIN—Does Mr. Hatch say he was not acting in good faith when he made this offer to which his signature is attached? I would like to know what he means.

Mr. MCCUNE—I'm not on the witness stand. I merely give Mr. Hatch's statement, as he asked me to do.

Mr. SHIPTON—I consider, with the provisions which are attached to the agreement, that it is of no account. Capt. Schenley in fact by it owns the Park, because he has the right to put his machinery at any point upon it and undermine for minerals. We never could tell where he was going to work, and we might beautify one spot in particular and he would conclude to set his machinery there and destroy it all. I'm not in favor of any such provisions.

Mr. BURGWIN—Let's condemn it then and we can get it without such provisions.

Mr. MCCARTHY said he had understood when the matter was acted upon before that it was to be referred to the people. The gentleman's resolution did away with that provision.

Mr. BURGWIN—There was no such agreement, yet I'm glad to see the gentleman is now so anxious to defer matters to the people. He wasn't so a short time since. (Laughter.)

Mr. RIDDELL—That's a palpable hit.

Mr. MCCARTHY—I don't see that its a palpable hit or any discussion. So far as making this a parallel case with the "equalization bill," to which perhaps the gentleman alludes, I may say that I am honest in the matter, and do not desire to act like he did when he tacked on an amendment defeated the bill. Such a way would kill the bill. (Laughter.)

The resolution was finally laid over until next meeting.

THE TALK AT HARRISBURG.

Mr. MCCARTHY then called up the resolution passed at last meeting, in reference to the investigation by the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform, into the charge that it had been asserted at Harrisburgh that it was to Councils had a tax receipt for which he had never paid anything. The gentleman offered the following amendment: "And the Mayor is hereby requested to issue subpoenas and compulsory process to compel the attendance of persons and the production of papers before the Retrenchment and Reform Committee as the committee may deem necessary to the investigation of the substance of the charge."

Mr. LITTELL wanted to know if they couldn't amend a bill after it had passed through the Councils.

The Chair thought the point well taken. It must come up as new business.

Mr. MCCARTHY then put his amendment in the form of a new resolution, in which shape it was passed.

In C. C., on motion of Mr. McCandless, it was laid on the table.

LAND FOR THE WATER WORKS.

Mr. BURGWIN presented a paper from the Water Commission in reference to the report presented at last meeting, setting forth that there was a dispute in reference to a part of the land of Casper Negley, which was needed for the water works. The Commission therefore desired that they be authorized to accept so much of the land as he could give a clear title to, provided that in case the ownership of the disputed part was found to rest in said Casper Negley, that the Commission could pay him for that part a price which, in addition to what had been paid for the other part, could amount only to the figure fixed upon at first for the whole land.

The resolution was passed finally.

EQUALIZATION "GHOST."

Business from Common Council was then taken up.

The Chair read the equalization bill passed some time since in Common Council.

Mr. BURGWIN—I move we send that to the tomb of the Capulets. (Laughter.)

Mr. SHIPTON—Who will be the bearer to Verona?

Mr. CHALMERS—I move the gentleman from the Twenty-third ward be selected as bearer. (Laughter.)

The bill was finally postponed indefinitely.

THE OLD FURNITURE.

The Chair read the resolution authorizing the sale of the old furniture of the Council chambers.

Mr. MCCARTHY objected to the sale so soon, on the ground that as the consolidation act provided for eighty members of Select Council, and the new Council chamber in the City Hall would be a bold thing to say that perhaps they would have to use the old room a little longer.

Mr. BURGWIN—While I was coming up stairs to-day I blessed Providence that this was to be the last time we would meet in this place. I did think we would not have to come up those dirty greasy stairs, and into this filthy place again. I hope we will not meet here any more.

Mr. SHIPTON—The new chamber will hold more people than this one and we could to-day march up, with our President at the head, and take quiet possession of it, without oysters or champagne.

We will have to sell this old furniture as the new furniture has been purchased for the new hall.

The action of C. C. in passing the resolution was then concurred in.

NEW SITE FOR THE STORAGE RESERVOIR.

Mr. LITTELL presented a resolution requesting the Water Commission to have such surveys made by their engineers as will show whether any part of the Schenley property would answer for a site for the storage reservoir.

Mr. MORROW moved to lay resolution on the table. Not carried.

Mr. LITTELL then asked that it be read three times and passed.

The Chairman decided that such a simple resolution did not require to be read three times.

Mr. MORROW thought the Water Commission did not need any instructions in their business, and he did not believe in thus mixing up the park property and the water works property, thus diverting the real issue upon this the question whether this Schenley property should be purchased for a park.

Mr. BURGWIN said the Commission would look upon the resolution as a great relief to them as it would relieve them of a very troublesome question. According to the plan which the commission were ordered to carry out, they were directed to purchase a site on Craft's Hill for a storage reservoir. If they took this property, the cost would amount to perhaps not under $200,000. If the Schenley property, however, could be used for the purpose the saving would be very great. The cost of making the survey would be nothing as the Commissioners had their engineers employed most of the time.

Mr. MCCARTHY said the Commission, already in the work laid out, would spend a million of dollars; then in the purchase of machinery, &c., there would be about $2,000,000 expended, and the additional purchases of land would add nearly another million and a half. He wanted to know where all this money was to come from. He believe in shutting down on all such additional expenditures. He believed that the resolution, if carried out, would in the end involve them in the purchase of this Schenley tract, and he could not see where the economy came in.

Mr. BURGWIN—I understand that a survey to the plan endorsed by Councils, the Commission was instructed to purchase a site on Craft's hill for a storage reservoir. The Commission would gladly avail themselves of another site, if they could get a suitable and cheaper one.

Mr. CHISLETT said the gentleman was laboring under a mistake. That this was intended to save money instead of adding to the expense. If they could save several thousand dollars an acre in the purchase of the land, the economy should be encouraged.

WHAT ABOUT "OUR PARK?"

Mr. PEARSON thought if this was the property that was designed for a park that it was a great outrage on the people, for if the ground was converted from the use of a public park to a site for the water works, the people would be deprived of a park. If this was the object of all this "beating the devil round the bush," he would like the members advocating it to come out fairly and meet the issue.

Mr. LITTELL contended that he offered the resolution in good faith, and that as it was simply a matter of inquiry, he could see no reason why it should be opposed. Then, too, if the Schenley property could be used for the purpose it would not deprive the people of a park, as the grounds around the reservoir could be ornamented, and the lakelet formed by the reservoir would be an immense attraction to the Park.

Mr. LAUFMAN called attention to the fact that when the matter of a water works had been first talked of they had been offered land at $1,600 per acre; that they had since paid $3,000 an acre for the same, and condemned it at that. The city needed extensive water works because they would have the South Side to supply with water, and that he had no doubt that Allegheny would have to put up another $1,000,000 for a reservoir. He thought gentlemen who opposed this resolution were standing in their own light and against the best interest of the city.

The resolution was then passed.

MR. GOFF'S REMOVAL.

In continuing the consideration of Common Council business the report from the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform in reference to the removal of Kinney Goff, Salt Inspector, was called up.

Mr. MCCARTHY said Mr. Goff had told him that the committee had never given him a hearing or an opportunity to explain. He moved to refer the report back.

Mr. E. P. JONES also favored this reference. Mr. Goff had told him the committee had not heard his statement, and he (Mr. Jones) was personally cognizant of the falsity of some of the charges.

Mr. SHIPTON objected to the report, as it was signed by a member of Council who was not a member of the Committee.

The chair read the list, when it appeared that Mr. Watson's name was signed to the paper—he not being a member of the Committee.

Mr. BURGWIN—I can only account for that for my colleague, of the Water Commission, on the ground that a petition to the Governor was circulating, and he signed the wrong paper.

The report was then referred back to the Committee.

A MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT.

Mr. SMITH called up the ordinance in reference to the widening of Smallman street.

Mr. RIDDELL wanted to know if the ordinance had been published.

It was stated that the ordinance had been published in the proceedings of Council.

Mr. RIDDELL contended that that was not the publication desired. It should be published the same as other ordinances. He hoped they wouldn't rush this matter through—such an important ordinance should receive greater consideration. The proposed change would involve an expense of half a million dollars. Were they going mad? He hoped Councils would consider this matter like same men.

Mr. SMITH said he had no desire to rush the matter, though. He only moved that the paper be put upon its second reading in order that it might be discussed.

After some further discussion the ordinance and the resolution in reference to the repairing of Penn avenue were ordered to be republished in the official papers, and laid over for future consideration.

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Mr. SCULLY called up the ordinance granting the Manchester Passenger Railway Company privilege to extend their tracks to Liberty street, and moved it be put upon its final passage. He understood that the objection to the ordinance had been withdrawn.

After considerable discussion, the motion to suspend the rules was voted down, and the ordinance laid over.

Mr. MCCUNE presented a communication from the Controller containing two petitions for reduction of business tax. Received and referred to Finance Committee.

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Mr. WAINWRIGHT, chairman of the Committee on Markets, reported that they had appointed (in accordance with resolution passed by Councils) Mr. Alexander Wilson as arbitrator in behalf of the city in the matter of the disputed claims in the bill of extra claims by Mr. Malone, contractor, for building Fifth avenue Market House.

They also reported the receipts and expenditures as follows:

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Mr. PEARSON—I belive there was a committee appointed at a former meeting to purchase the residence of the late lamented Col. Bouget. (Laughter.) Are they ready to report.

The report was not presented.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. E. P. JONES presented the report of the Road Committee, showing expenditures in First District, $298; Second District, $184; Third District, $1,471. Total, $1,953. The report was accompanied by business which was disposed of as follows:

Ordinance for construction of board walk on Spring street from Richard Thompson's property to property of John Young; laid over. Ordinance for 18 inch pipe sewer on Neville street; laid over. Ordinance for opening of Centre Avenue; laid over. Report of viewers on opening of Winebiddle street. Returned to viewers, with objection in writing by Mr. Smith.

[The ordinances were laid over under the new rules which require all ordinances to be sworn to, before passage.]

Also resolution for payment of $50 to W. J. & E. C. Matthews for serving notices. Passed finally.

Mr. LITTELL offered a resolution instructing the Road Committee to bring suit against all contractors who did not complete their contracts at the stipulated time. Carried.

In all business not otherwise noted there was a concurrence.

Adjourned.

COMMON COUNCIL.

H. W. OLIVER, JR.....President.
HUGH MCMASTER.....Clerk.

Members present, Messrs Allen, Arthurs, Barr, Barker, Baum, Beymer, Bindley, Campbell, Carroll, Darlington, Deitrich Dickson, Duff, Fleming, D. L. Fleming John, Follansbee, Fulton, Gazzam, Hare, Hauch, Jones, Johns, Kerr, Kohne, Koverman, Kurtz, Lappan, Leibler, Lowrey, Mattern, Meyer, Moffitt, Moore John, Morgan, Mosely, McCandless, McConway, McGimpsey, McKim Neeson, Negley, R. H. Negley, W. B. Pender, Price, Ramsey, Rush, Schild, Semple, Sims, Snowden, Spreyer, Verner, Watson, Williams, Woolslayer, Young, Oliver.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting were read and approved.

Petitions, remonstrances, &c., were called for, Mr. GAZZAM, petitioned for gas lamp on 1st avenue; referred to Gas committee.

APPORTIONMENT UNDER CONSOLIDATION

Mr. D. L. FLEMING presented a preamble and resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, In the Act of Consolidation, approved the second day of April, A. D. 1872, uniting the boroughs of Temperanceville, Birmingham, Allentown, Mount Washington, Birmingham, East Birmingham, Monongahela, Ormsby, South Pittsburgh, St. Clair and West Pittsburgh, with the city of Pittsburgh, the following section, numbered seven (7) in the Act provides

"That the City Councils shall, as soon as conveniently may be, before August 1st, 1872, appoint a committee on apportionment and division of wards, consisting of one from each ward, and the boroughs hereby annexed shall be entitled to appoint by their Councils one person to be a member of said committee, provided that no person residing in the annexed district be entitled to one member of said committee."

Therefore be it

Resolved, That in pursuance of this provision of the Act of Assembly, such Committee on the apportionment and division of wards be appointed by the joint action of the Presidents of the Select and Common Councils.

Mr. FLEMING moved that the paper be put on the third reading and final adoption; unanimously carried.

This matter was reached in Select Council and a concurrence had, but no committee announced.

Mr. FLEMING also presented a petition from George Wamhoff, Esq., setting forth that he had sustained damages to the extent of between three and four hundred dollars, by the bursting of a water pipe on Washington street, whereby the cellar of the petitioner's grocery store was flooded, destroying sugar and other articles to the amount named. Referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. MCGIMPSEY, resolution instructing the Ordinance Committee to prepare an Ordinance providing that the city Engineer shall give bonds for the proper performance of his duties. Adopted.

Mr. MCCANDLESS, resolution providing for sale of old furniture of city. Adopted.

Mr. WATSON, a remonstrance against the grading and paving of Laurel avenue, signed by about 20 property holders. Accepted.

Also, an Ordinance repealing the Ordinance which provides for the work named. Passed finally.

Mr. W. B. NEGLEY, petition of George Porter for damages in grading of Amberton avenue. Referred to Road Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Resolution instructing Mayor to enforce ordinance relative to fast driving on Penn avenue. Action on C. C. in adopting same, concurred in.

Mr. DUFF, on leave, called up resolution passed this day in S. C., providing for election of City Engineer on Thursday next.

Mr. W. B. NEGLEY moved to amend, making the day Monday (15th) next. Passed as amended.

UNIFORMS FOR FIREMEN.

Unfinished business was then resumed. Resolution relative to purchase of uniforms for the Fire Department each year, and authorizing the Fire Commission to procure the same if they deem expedient.

Mr. MCCANDLESS said he understood that a gum overcoat would be preferable to the firemen.

The Chair suggested the matter could be left in the hands of the Commission.

Mr. GAZZAM thought this would be eminently proper.

Mr. HARE coincided with this view.

The amendment was lost, and the resolution as originally offered was passed.

MANCHESTER RAILWAY EXTENSION.

An ordinance relative to Pittsburgh, Allegheny & Manchester P. R. R., allowing the extension of the same to Liberty street, and the construction of a turntable at terminus on said street.

Petitions and remonstrances on the measure were called up and read. Also the report from the R. E. Committee favoring the passage of the ordinance.

Mr. W. B. NEGLEY moved to amend by striking out exemption from keeping the same in repair, and that allowing the constructing of the turn-table.

Mr. GAZZAM was opposed to the amendment and claimed that the privileges proposed were to the advantage of the majority of citizens.

Mr. MCCANDLESS favored the amendment and thought that the extension would be an obstruction, and further that the clause exempting the company from keeping the streets in repair, was of icy coolness.

Mr. FOLLANSBEE also favored the amendment and showed that the past year the company had paid $40,000 into the city treasury.

Mr. JOHNS opposed the amendment prohibiting the constructing of the turn-table, although he thought they ought to be required to keep the street in repair.

Mr. ARTHURS thought that the ordinance ought to be passed as returned by the committee. Instead of $200 the city would thereby receive $500 per year hereafter.

Mr. WATSON'S amendments were reduced to writing and the ayes and nays were called which resulted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Allen, Barr, Baker, Baum, Bindley, Campbell, Darlington, Deitrich, Dickson, Follansbee, Fulton, Hare, Kerr, Kurtz, Liebler, Mattern, Meyer, Moffitt, Moore John, Mosely, McCandless, McConway, McGimpsey, Negley, R. H. Negley, W. B. Raible, Ramsey, Rush, Semple, Sims, Snowden, Spreyer, Watson, Williams, Woolslayer, Young.

Nays—Messrs. Arthurs, Beymer, Carroll, Duff, Fleming, John, Gazzam, Hauch, Jones, Johns, Kohne, Koverman, Lappan, Lowrey, Morgan, McKim, Neeson, Pender, Price, Rush, Verner, President Oliver. *Ayes*—37; *nays*—21.

The ordinance was then finally passed as amended.

STREET COMMITTEE BUSINESS.

Mr. ARTHURS from the Street Committee reported the following ordinances which were acted upon as noted:

An ordinance for the opening of Bates alley from North to Willen streets, allowing the property of A. Scott to remain upon the alley until rebuilt. Passed finally.

An ordinance authorizing the grading and paving of Bates alley. Passed finally.

An ordinance for the grading, paving and curbing of Calvin street from Forty-fourth to St. Mary's avenue. Passed finally.

An ordinance for the grading, paving and curbing of Harrison street from Forty-eight to Forty-ninth streets. Passed finally.

An ordinance for the grading and paving of Ash alley from Butler street to Union alley. Passed finally.

An ordinance for opening of Valley street from Forty-third to Forty-fourth streets.

Mr. CAMPBELL asked that this ordinance be laid over. Referred back to committee.

An ordinance for an eighteen-inch pipe sewer on Hazel street from Locust street to Fifth alley. Passed finally.

Also a pipe sewer on Miltenberger and Van Buren streets from Locust street to connect with Hope street sewer. Passed finally.

SIDEWALKS IN NEW DISTRICTS.

An ordinance for the paving of sidewalks on streets improved under the Penn avenue act. It provides that pavements of brick shall be laid within twenty days, or that the Street Commissioners shall do so at expense of property-holders.

Mr. JOHNS thought there should be some modification in the ordinance, as in some places no pavement could be provided in twenty days.

Mr. W. B. NEGLEY moved to amend, "Provided that this ordinance shall not apply to the Nineteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-first, Twenty-second and Twenty-third."

Mr. ARTHURS objected.

Mr. NEGLEY claimed that the Street Committee had nothing to do with the new districts, and further in many instances the provisions of the ordinance would be too onerous and unjust.

Mr. CAMPBELL thought the people in the new districts needed sidewalks, and he didn't think that those who would have farms inside the city ought to be exempted from putting down accommodations to the public.

Mr. DARLINGTON moved an amendment, adding the Thirteenth and Fourteenth wards to the exemption.

Mr. JOHNS added the Seventeenth.

Other members added Third and First ward respectively.

A question as to whether the Street Committee had power over Penn avenue and other streets having street pavements created some dispute.

The Chairman of the Street Committee claimed that all improved streets must come under the committee's control.

This was denied by Mr. Negley, Mr. Baum and others.

Mr. RAMSEY—Are not the "new" districts part of the city?

Mr. BAUM—Yes, by force.

Mr. JONES—Yes, and plenty like you are getting. (Laughter.)

The ordinance was, finally, after more discussion, laid over and referred back to the committee.

An ordinance for the repeal of an ordinance for the grading and paving of Pine alley. Passed finally.

THE SUKES' RUN STENCH AGAIN.

An ordinance for the construction of a three foot sewer on Forbes street connecting with the Ann street sewer through the school lots, Sixth ward.

Mr. EVAN JONES objected.

Mr. ARTHURS said there is an absolute necessity for the sewer to get rid of the Sukes' Run nuisance.

Mr. JONES denied this, stating that the scheme was to drain private property at the expense of the city. He held that a three foot sewer would never do and would be filled up inside three years.

Mr. MCCANDLESS stated that the health laws provides for